

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
REGION 9, SAN DIEGO REGION**

**ORDER NO. R9-2005-0100  
NPDES NO. CA0107999**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, SAN ELIJO WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY  
DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN VIA THE SAN ELIJO OCEAN OUTFALL**

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order:

**Table 1. Discharger Information**

Discharger	San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
Name of Facility	San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility
Facility Address	2695 Manchester Avenue Cardiff, CA 92007 San Diego County

The discharge by the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority from the discharge point identified below is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order.

**Table 2. Outfall Location**

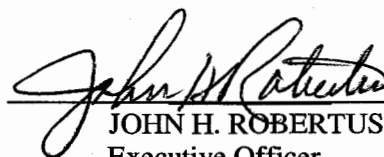
Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
Outfall 001	POTW Effluent	33° 00' 21" N	117° 18' 09" W	Pacific Ocean

**Table 3. Administrative Information**

This Order was adopted by the Regional Water Board on:	June 8, 2005
This Order shall become effective on:	June 8, 2005
This Order shall expire on:	June 8, 2005
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Regional Water Board have classified this discharge as a major discharge.	
The Discharger shall file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, not later than 180 days in advance of the Order expiration date as application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements.	

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that this Order supercedes Order No. 99-71 except for enforcement purposes, and, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the CWC and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the federal CWA and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Discharger shall comply with the requirements herein.

I, John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 8, 2005.

  
JOHN H. ROBERTUS  
Executive Officer

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## I. FACILITY INFORMATION

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order:

**Table 4. Facility Information**

Discharger	San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
Name of Facility	San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility
Facility Address	2695 Manchester Avenue Cardiff, CA 92007 San Diego County
Facility Contact, Title, and Phone	Michael T. Thornton, Manager, (760) 753-6203 x 72
Mailing Address	2695 Manchester Avenue Cardiff, CA 92007 San Diego County
Type of Facility	Municipal POTW
Facility Design Flow	5.25 million gallons per day (MGD)

## II. FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds:

- A. **Background.** The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (hereinafter Discharger) is currently discharging pursuant to Order No. 99-71 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0107999, which was adopted on November 10, 1999. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge, dated May 7, 2004, and applied for a NPDES permit renewal to discharge up to 5.25 MGD of treated wastewater from the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility, hereinafter Facility. The application was deemed complete on October 28, 2004.
- B. **Facility Description.** The Discharger owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment system. The San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility serves a population of approximately 35,000, generating primarily residential and commercial wastewater in the City of Solana Beach, the Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District, and the Cardiff Sanitation District. There are no significant industrial users in the service area. Wastewater treatment processes include screening and aerated grit removal, primary sedimentation, activated sludge treatment followed by secondary clarification, and anaerobic digestion of sludge with dewatering by a belt-filter press. Screenings from the headworks and solids from grit removal are trucked to a local landfill. Dewatered sludge is land applied off site. The Facility produces up to 2.48 MGD of tertiary recycled water, the discharge of which is covered under separate waste discharge requirements. Effluent from the Facility is discharged to the San Elijo Ocean Outfall pipe where it commingles with discharges from the City of Escondido Land Outfall and enters the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States, at Discharge Point 001 (see table on cover page). Attachment B provides a map of the area around the Facility. Attachment C provides a flow schematic of the Facility.

- C. **Legal Authorities.** This Order is issued pursuant to section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and implements regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Chapter 5.5, Division 7 of the California Water Code (CWC). It shall serve as a NPDES permit for point source discharges from this facility to surface waters. This Order also serves as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 4 of the CWC.
- D. **Rationale for Requirements.** The Regional Water Board developed the requirements in this Order based on information submitted as part of the application, through monitoring and reporting programs, and other available environmental data. Attachments F and G, which contain background information and rationale for Order requirements, are hereby incorporated into this Order and, constitute part of the Findings for this Order.
- E. **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** This action to adopt an NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21100, et seq.) in accordance with Section 13389 of the CWC.
- F. **Technology-Based Effluent Limitations.** 40 CFR 122.44(a) requires that permits include applicable technology-based limitations and standards. This Order includes technology-based effluent limitations based on Secondary Treatment Standards at 40 CFR Part 133. A detailed discussion of the technology-based effluent limitations development is included in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F).
- G. **Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations.** Section 122.44(d) of 40 CFR requires that permits include water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality objective to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water. Where numeric water quality objectives have not been established, 40 CFR 122.44(d) specifies that WQBELs may be established using USEPA criteria guidance under CWA section 304(a), proposed State criteria or a State policy interpreting narrative criteria supplemented with other relevant information, or an indicator parameter.
- H. **Water Quality Control Plans.** The Regional Water Board adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (hereinafter Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on December 13, 1994. Subsequent revisions to the Basin Plan have also been adopted by the Regional Water Board and approved by the State Water Board. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. Beneficial uses applicable to the Pacific Ocean are as follows:

**Table 5. Basin Plan Beneficial Uses of the Pacific Ocean**

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use
Outfall 001	Pacific Ocean	Industrial Service Supply (IND); Navigation (NAV); Contact Water Recreation (REC-1); Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC-2); Commercial and Sport Fishing (COMM); Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL); Wildlife Habitat (WILD); Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE); Marine Habitat (MAR); Aquaculture (AQUA); Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIRG); Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN); Shellfish Harvesting (SHELL)

The Basin Plan relies primarily on the requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan) for protection of the beneficial uses of the State ocean waters. The Basin Plan, however, may contain additional water quality objectives applicable to the Discharger.

On November 16, 2000 the State Water Board adopted a revised Ocean Plan. The revised Ocean Plan became effective on December 3, 2001. The Ocean Plan contains water quality objectives and beneficial uses for the ocean waters of California. The beneficial uses of State ocean waters to be protected are summarized below:

**Table 6. Ocean Plan Beneficial Uses of the Pacific Ocean.**

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use
Outfall 001	Pacific Ocean	Industrial Water Supply; Water Contact and Non-Contact Recreation, Including Aesthetic Enjoyment; Navigation; Commercial and Sport Fishing; Mariculture; Preservation and Enhancement of Designated Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS); Rare and Endangered Species; Marine Habitat; Fish Migration; Fish Spawning and Shellfish Harvesting

In order to protect these beneficial uses, the Ocean Plan establishes water quality objectives (for bacterial, physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, and for radioactivity), general requirements for management of waste discharged to the ocean, quality requirements for waste discharges (effluent quality requirements), discharge prohibitions, and general provisions.

The State Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Thermal Plan) on May 18, 1972, and amended it on September 18, 1975. The Thermal plan contains temperature objectives for coastal waters.

The terms and conditions of the Ocean Plan, Thermal Plan, and any revisions thereto are incorporated into the Basin Plan by reference. In addition, State Water Board Resolution No. 88-63 requires that, with certain exceptions, the Regional Water Board assign the municipal and domestic supply use to water bodies that do not have beneficial uses listed in the Basin Plan.

Requirements of this Order specifically implement the applicable Water Quality Control Plans.

- I. **Antidegradation Policy.** 40 CFR 131.12 requires that State water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16, which incorporates the requirements of the federal antidegradation policy. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing quality of waters be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. As discussed in detail in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F), a discharge in compliance with this Order is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16.
- J. **Anti-Backsliding Requirements.** Sections 402(o)(2) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and federal regulations at 40 CFR 122.44(l) prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require effluent limitations in a reissued permit to be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions where limitations may be relaxed. Some effluent limitations in this Order are less stringent than those in the previous Order or have been removed. As discussed in detail in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F), relaxation or removal of effluent limitations is consistent with the anti-backsliding requirements of the CWA and federal regulations.
- K. **Monitoring and Reporting.** 40 CFR 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results. Sections 13267 and 13383 of the CWC authorize the Regional Water Boards to require technical and monitoring reports. The Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to implement federal and State requirements.
- L. **Standard and Special Provisions.** Standard Provisions, which in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41 and 122.42, apply to all NPDES discharges and must be included in every NPDES permit, are provided in Attachment D. The Regional Water Board has also included in this Order special provisions applicable to the Discharger. A rationale for the special provisions contained in this Order is provided in the attached Fact Sheet (Attachment F).
- M. **Notification of Interested Parties.** The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations. Details of notification are provided in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F) of this Order.
- N. **Consideration of Public Comment.** The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge. Details of the Public Hearing are provided in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F) of this Order.

### III. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

- A. The discharge of waste from the Facility not treated by a secondary treatment process and not in compliance with the effluent limitations specified in Table 7 of Section IV.B of this Order, and/or to a location other than the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (Outfall 001), unless specifically regulated by this Order or separate waste discharge requirements, is prohibited.
- B. The Discharger shall comply with the following waste discharge prohibitions of the Basin Plan:
1. The discharge of waste to waters of the state in a manner causing, or threatening to cause a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined in California Water Code Section 13050, is prohibited.
  2. The discharge of waste to land, except as authorized by waste discharge requirements or the terms described in California Water Code Section 13264 is prohibited.
  3. The discharge of pollutants or dredged or fill material to waters of the United States except as authorized by an NPDES permit or a dredge or fill material permit (subject to the exemption described in California Water Code Section 13376) is prohibited.
  4. The discharge of treated or untreated waste to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply, or to inland surface water tributaries thereto, is prohibited.
  5. The discharge of waste to inland surface waters, except in cases where the quality of the discharge complies with applicable receiving water quality objectives, is prohibited. Allowances for dilution may be made at the discretion of this Regional Water Board. Consideration would include streamflow data, the degree of treatment provided and safety measures to ensure reliability of facility performance. As an example, discharge of secondary effluent would probably be permitted if streamflow provided 100:1 dilution capability.
  6. The discharge of waste in a manner causing flow, ponding, or surfacing on lands not owned or under the control of the discharger is prohibited unless the discharge is authorized by this Regional Water Board.
  7. The dumping, deposition, or discharge of waste directly into waters of the state, or adjacent to such waters in any manner that may permit its being transported into the waters, is prohibited unless authorized by the Regional Water Board.
  8. Any discharge to a storm water conveyance system that is not composed entirely of "storm water" is prohibited unless authorized by this Regional Water Board. [Federal Regulations 40 CFR 122.26 (b) defines storm water as storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.]
  9. The unauthorized discharge of treated or untreated sewage to waters of the state or to a storm water conveyance system is prohibited.



10. The discharge of radioactive wastes amenable to alternative methods of disposal into the waters of the state is prohibited.
  11. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent into waters of the state is prohibited.
  12. The discharge of sand, silt, clay, or other earthen materials from any activity, including land grading and construction, in quantities that cause deleterious bottom deposits, turbidity or discoloration in waters of the state or that unreasonably affect, or threaten to affect, beneficial uses of such waters is prohibited.
- C. The discharge of waste shall not cause violation of water quality objectives for ocean waters established by Chapter II of the Ocean Plan.
- D. The discharge of waste to Areas of Special Biological Significance, as designated by the State Water Board, is prohibited.
- E. The discharge of sludge to the ocean is prohibited; the discharge of municipal and industrial waste sludge directly to the ocean or into a waste stream that discharges to the ocean is prohibited. The discharge of sludge digester supernatant directly to the ocean or to a waste stream that discharges to the ocean without further treatment is prohibited.
- F. The bypassing of untreated wastes containing concentrations of pollutants in excess of those in Tables A or B of the Ocean Plan is prohibited, except under upset conditions, as described in Attachment D of this Order, Standard Provision I. H.
- G. Compliance with Discharge Prohibitions contained in Section III.H of the Ocean Plan is a requirement of this Order.

#### **IV. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS AND EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS**

##### **A. Discharge Specifications**

The discharge of effluent through Outfall 001 shall comply with the following:

1. Waste management systems that discharge to the Pacific Ocean through Outfall 001 must be designed and operated in a manner that will maintain the indigenous marine life and a healthy and diverse marine community.
2. Waste discharged to the Pacific Ocean through Outfall 001 must be essentially free of:
  - a. Material that is floatable or will become floatable upon discharge.

- b. Settleable material or substances that may form sediments, which will degrade benthic communities or other aquatic life.
  - c. Substances, which will accumulate to toxic levels in marine waters, sediments, or biota.
  - d. Substances that significantly decrease the natural light to benthic communities and other marine life.
  - e. Materials that result in aesthetically undesirable discoloration of the ocean surface.
3. Waste effluents from the Facility shall be discharged through Outfall 001 in a manner that provides sufficient initial dilution to minimize the concentrations of substances not removed in treatment.
4. The location of waste discharges from the Facility shall assure that:
  - a. Pathogenic organisms and viruses are not present in areas where shellfish are harvested for human consumption or in areas used for swimming or other body contact sports.
  - b. Natural water quality conditions are not altered in areas designated as being areas of special biological significance or areas that existing marine laboratories use as a source of seawater.
  - c. Maximum protection is provided to the marine environment.
5. Waste that contains pathogenic organisms or viruses shall be discharged from the Facility through Outfall 001 a sufficient distance from shellfishing and water contact sports areas to maintain applicable bacterial standards without disinfection. Where conditions are such that an adequate distance cannot be attained, reliable disinfection in conjunction with a reasonable separation of the discharge point from the area of use must be provided. Disinfection procedures that do not increase effluent toxicity and that constitute the least environmental and human hazard shall be used.
6. The monthly average effluent discharge flow rate from the Facility through the San Elijo Ocean Outfall shall not exceed 5.25 million gallons per day (MGD).

#### **B. Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals**

The discharge of effluent to Outfall 001 shall be measured at Monitoring Location M-001 as described in the Attachment E, Monitoring and Reporting Program, except as otherwise noted (Endnotes are located at the end of this Order starting on page 32).

1. The discharge of effluent to Outfall 001 shall maintain compliance with the following effluent limitations:

**Table 7. Effluent Limitations**

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
CBOD 5-day 20°C	mg/l		25	40			
	lbs/day		1,100	1,800			
	%	The average monthly percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.					
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l		30	45			
	lbs/day		1,300	2,000			
	%	The average monthly percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.					
pH	Standard units				6.0	9.0	
Oil and Grease	mg/l		25	40		75	
	lbs/day		1,100	1,800		3,300	
Settleable Solids	ml/l		1.0	1.5		3.0	
Turbidity	NTU		75	100		225	
Acrolein	ug/l		52,000				
	lbs/day		2,300				
Antimony	ug/l		290,000				
	lbs/day		13,000				
Bis (2-chloroethoxy) methane	ug/l		1,000				
	lbs/day		46				
Bis (2-chloroisopropyl) ether	ug/l		290,000				
	lbs/day		12,000				
Chlorobenzene	ug/l		140,000				
	lbs/day		5,900				
Chromium (III)	ug/l		45,000,000				
	lbs/day		2,000,000				
Di-n-butyl Phthalate	ug/l		830,000				
	lbs/day		36,000				
Dichlorobenzenes <sup>1</sup>	ug/l		1,200,000				
	lbs/day		53,000				
Diethyl Phthalate	ug/l		7,900,000				
	lbs/day		340,000				
Dimethyl Phthalate	ug/l		200,000,000				
	lbs/day		8,500,000				
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol	ug/l		52,000				
	lbs/day		2,300				
2,4-Dinitrophenol	ug/l		9,500				
	lbs/day		420				
Ethylbenzene	ug/l		980,000				
	lbs/day		43,000				
Fluoranthene	ug/l		3,600				
	lbs/day		160				
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	ug/l		14,000				
	lbs/day		600				
Nitrobenzene	ug/l		1,200				
	lbs/day		51				
Thallium	ug/l		480				
	lbs/day		21				
Toluene	ug/l		20,000,000				
	lbs/day		890,000				

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
Tributyltin	ug/l		0.33				
	lbs/day		0.015				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ug/l		130,000,000				
	lbs/day		5,600,000				
Acrylonitrile	ug/l		24				
	lbs/day		1.0				
Aldrin	ug/l		0.0052				
	lbs/day		0.00023				
Benzene	ug/l		1,400				
	lbs/day		61				
Benzidine	ug/l		0.016				
	lbs/day		0.00072				
Beryllium	ug/l		7.9				
	lbs/day		0.34				
Bis (2-chloroethyl) ether	ug/l		11				
	lbs/day		0.47				
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	ug/l		830				
	lbs/day		36				
Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/l		210				
	lbs/day		9.4				
Chlordane <sup>2</sup>	ug/l		0.0055				
	lbs/day		0.00024				
Chloroform	ug/l		31,000				
	lbs/day		1,400				
DDT <sup>3</sup>	ug/l		0.040				
	lbs/day		0.00018				
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ug/l		4,300				
	lbs/day		190				
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	ug/l		1.9				
	lbs/day		0.084				
1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/l		6,700				
	lbs/day		290				
1,1-Dichloroethylene	ug/l		210				
	lbs/day		9.4				
Dichloromethane	ug/l		110,000				
	lbs/day		4,700				
1,3-Dichloropropene	ug/l		2,100				
	lbs/day		93				
Dieldrin	ug/l		0.0095				
	lbs/day		0.00042				
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	ug/l		620				
	lbs/day		27				
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	ug/l		38				
	lbs/day		1.7				
Halomethanes <sup>4</sup>	ug/l		31,000				
	lbs/day		1,400				
Heptachlor	ug/l		0.012				
	lbs/day		0.00052				
Hexachlorobenzene	ug/l		0.050				
	lbs/day		0.0022				

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
Hexachlorobutadiene	ug/l		3,300				
	lbs/day		150				
Hexachloroethane	ug/l		600				
	lbs/day		26				
Isophorone	ug/l		170,000				
	lbs/day		7,600				
N-Nitrosodimethylamine	ug/l		1,700				
	lbs/day		76				
N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	ug/l		600				
	lbs/day		26				
PAHs <sup>5</sup>	ug/l		2.1				
	lbs/day		0.092				
PCBs <sup>6</sup>	ug/l		0.0045				
	lbs/day		0.00020				
TCDD Equivalents <sup>7</sup>	ug/l		0.00000093				
	lbs/day		0.00000041				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ug/l		550				
	lbs/day		24				
Tetrachloroethylene	ug/l		480				
	lbs/day		21				
Toxaphene	ug/l		0.050				
	lbs/day		0.0022				
Trichloroethylene	ug/l		6,400				
	lbs/day		280				
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ug/l		2,200				
	lbs/day		98				
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/l		69				
	lbs/day		3.0				
Vinyl Chloride	ug/l		8,600				
	lbs/day		380				

2. Constituents that do not have reasonable potential are referred to as performance goals and are listed in the following table. Performance goal constituents shall also be monitored at M-001, but the results will be used for informational purposes only, not compliance determination.

**Table 8. Performance Goals**

Constituent	Units	Performance Goals					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
Arsenic	ug/l	6,900				18,000	1,200
	lbs/day	300				800	52
Cadmium	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Chromium (Hexavalent) <sup>8</sup>	ug/l	1,900				4,800	480
	lbs/day	83				210	21

Constituent	Units	Performance Goals					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
Copper	ug/l	2,400				6,700	240
	lbs/day	100				290	11
Lead	ug/l	1,900				4,800	480
	lbs/day	83				210	21
Mercury	ug/l	38				95	9.4
	lbs/day	1.7				4.2	0.41
Nickel	ug/l	4,800				12,000	1,200
	lbs/day	210				520	52
Selenium	ug/l	14,000				36,000	3,600
	lbs/day	630				1,600	160
Silver	ug/l	630				1,600	130
	lbs/day	28				71	5.6
Zinc	ug/l	17,000				46,000	2,900
	lbs/day	750				2,000	130
Cyanide <sup>9</sup>	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Total Residual Chlorine <sup>10</sup>	ug/l	1,900				14,000	480
	lbs/day	83				630	21
Chronic Toxicity <sup>11</sup>	TUc	238					
Ammonia (as N)	mg/l	570				1,400	140
	lbs/day	25,000				63,000	6,300
Phenolic Compounds (non-chlorinated)	ug/l	29,000				71,000	7,100
	lbs/day	1,300				3,100	310
Chlorinated Phenolics	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Chlorodibromomethane	ug/l		2,000				
	lbs/day		90				
Dichlorobromomethane	ug/l		1,500				
	lbs/day		65				
Endosulfan	ug/l	4.3				6.4	2.1
	lbs/day	0.19				0.28	0.094
Endrin	ug/l	0.95				1.4	0.48
	lbs/day	0.042				0.063	0.021
HCH <sup>12</sup>	ug/l	1.9				2.9	0.95
	lbs/day	0.083				0.13	0.042
Heptachlor Epoxide	ug/l		0.0048				
	lbs/day		0.00021				
N-Nitrosodi-N-Propylamine	ug/l		90				
	lbs/day		4.0				
Radioactivity <sup>13</sup>	-	Not to exceed limits specified in Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 30253, Standards for Protection Against Radiation					
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## V. RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

Unless specifically excepted by this Order, the discharge, by itself or jointly with any other discharge(s), shall not cause violation of the following water quality objectives. Compliance with

these objectives shall be determined by samples collected at stations representative of the area within the waste field where initial dilution is completed.

#### **A. Bacterial Characteristics**

1. Within a zone bounded by the shoreline and a distance of 1,000 feet from the shoreline or the 30-foot depth contour, whichever is further from the shoreline, and in areas outside this zone used for water contact sports, as determined by the Regional Water Board, but including all kelp beds, the following bacterial objectives shall be maintained throughout the water column.
  - a. Samples of water from each sampling station shall have a density of total coliform organisms less than 1,000 per 100 ml (10 per ml); provided that not more than 20 percent of the samples at any sampling station, in any 30-day period, may exceed 1,000 per 100 ml (10 per ml), and provided further that no single sample when verified by a repeat sample taken within 48 hours shall exceed 10,000 per 100 ml (100 per ml).
  - b. The fecal coliform density, based on a minimum of not less than five samples for any 30-day period, shall not exceed a geometric mean of 200 per 100 ml nor shall more than 10 percent of the total samples during any 60-day period exceed 400 per 100 ml.
2. The Initial Dilution Zone for any wastewater outfall shall be excluded from designation as kelp beds for purposes of bacterial standards. Adventitious assemblages of kelp plants on waste discharge structures (e.g., outfall pipes and diffusers) do not constitute kelp beds for purposes of bacterial standards.
3. At all areas where shellfish may be harvested for human consumption, as determined by the Regional Water Board, the median total coliform density shall not exceed 70 per 100 ml throughout the water column, and not more than 10 percent of the samples shall exceed 230 per 100 ml.

#### **B. Physical Characteristics**

1. Floating particulates and grease and oil shall not be visible.
2. The discharge of waste shall not cause aesthetically undesirable discoloration of the ocean surface.
3. Natural light shall not be significantly reduced at any point outside the initial dilution zone as the result of the discharge of waste.
4. The rate of deposition of inert solids and the characteristics of inert solids in ocean sediments shall not be changed such that benthic communities are degraded.

### **C. Chemical Characteristics**

1. The dissolved oxygen concentration shall not at any time be depressed more than 10 percent from that which occurs naturally, as the result of the discharge of oxygen demanding waste materials.
2. The pH shall not be changed at any time more than 0.2 units from that which occurs naturally.
3. The dissolved sulfide concentration of waters in and near sediments shall not be significantly increased above that present under natural conditions.
4. The concentration of substances set forth in Chapter II, Table B of the Ocean Plan (2001), shall not be increased in marine sediments to levels that would degrade indigenous biota.
5. The concentration of organic materials in marine sediments shall not be increased to levels that would degrade marine life.
6. Nutrient materials shall not cause objectionable aquatic growths or degrade indigenous biota.
7. Numerical water quality objectives established in Chapter II, Table B of the California Ocean Plan (2001) shall not be exceeded outside of the zone of initial dilution as a result of discharges from the Facility.

### **D. Biological Characteristics**

1. Marine communities, including vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant species, shall not be degraded.
2. The natural taste, odor, and color of fish, shellfish, or other marine resources used for human consumption shall not be altered.
3. The concentration of organic materials in fish, shellfish, or other marine resources used for human consumption shall not bioaccumulate to levels that are harmful to human health.

### **E. Radioactivity**

Discharge of radioactive waste shall not degrade marine life.

## **VI. PROVISIONS**

### **A. Standard Provisions**

1. **Federal Standard Provisions.** The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions included in Attachment D of this Order.



**2. Regional Water Board Standard Provisions.** The Discharger shall comply with the following provisions:

- a. The Discharger shall comply with all requirements and conditions of this Order. Any permit non-compliance constitutes a violation of the CWA and/or the CWC and is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification, or for denial of an application for permit renewal, modification, or reissuance.
- b. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations that pertain to sewage sludge handling, treatment, use, and disposal, including CWA Section 405 and USEPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 257.
- c. The Discharger's wastewater treatment facilities shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certificates of appropriate grade pursuant to Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 26 of the California Code of Regulations.
- d. All proposed new treatment facilities and expansions of existing treatment facilities shall be completely constructed and operable prior to initiation of the discharge from the new or expanded facilities. The Discharger shall submit a certification report for each new treatment facility, expansion of an existing treatment facility, and re-rating of an existing treatment facility. For new treatment facilities and expansions, the certification report shall be prepared by the design engineer. For re-ratings, the certification report shall be prepared by the engineer who evaluated the treatment facility capacity. The certification report shall:
  - 1) Identify the design capacity of the treatment facility, including the daily and 30-day design capacity,
  - 2) Certify the adequacy of each component of the treatment facility, and
  - 3) Contain a requirement-by-requirement analysis, based on acceptable engineering practices, of the process and physical design of the facility to ensure compliance with this Order.

The signature and engineering license number of the engineer preparing the certification report shall be affixed to the report. If reasonable, the certification report shall be submitted prior to beginning construction. The Discharger shall not initiate a discharge from an existing treatment facility at a daily flow rate in excess of its previously approved design capacity until:

- 1) The certification report is received by the Executive Officer,
- 2) The Executive Officer has received written notification of completion of construction (new treatment facilities and expansions only),

- 3) An inspection of the facility has been made by staff of the Regional Water Board (new treatment facilities and expansions only), and
  - 4) The Executive Officer has provided the Discharger with written authorization to discharge at a daily flow rate in excess of its previously approved design capacity.
- e. All waste treatment, containment, and disposal facilities shall be protected against 100-year peak stream flows as defined by the San Diego County flood control agency.
  - f. All waste treatment, containment, and disposal facilities shall be protected against erosion, overland runoff and other impacts resulting from a 100-year, 24-hour storm event.
  - g. This Order expires on June 8, 2010, after which, the terms and conditions of this permit are automatically continued pending issuance of a new permit, provided that all requirements of USEPA's NPDES regulations at 40 CFR 122.6 and the State's regulations at CCR Title 23, Section 2235.4 regarding the continuation of expired permits and waste discharge requirements are met.
  - h. The Discharger's wastewater treatment facilities shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the operations and maintenance manual prepared by the Discharger pursuant to the Clean Water Grant Program.
  - i. A copy of this Order shall be posted at a prominent location at or near the treatment and disposal facilities and shall be available to operating personnel at all times.
  - j. The Discharger shall comply with any interim limitations established by addendum, enforcement action, or revised waste discharge requirements that have been or may be adopted by the Regional Water Board.
  - k. The Discharger shall comply with effluent standards and prohibitions for toxic pollutants established pursuant to Section 307 (a) of the CWA within the time frame set forth by the regulations that establish those standards and prohibitions, even if this Order has not been modified to incorporate the requirements. If an applicable effluent standard or prohibition, including any schedule of compliance, is promulgated pursuant to Section 307 (d) of the CWA for a toxic pollutant, and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than a limitation contained in this Order, the Executive Officer may institute proceedings to modify or revoke and reissue the Order to conform to the effluent standard or prohibition.

#### **B. Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirements**

The Discharger shall comply with the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) of this Order.

## **C. Special Provisions**

### **1. Re-opener Provisions**

- a. This Order may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1) Violation of any terms or conditions of this Order.
  - 2) Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts.
  - 3) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.

The filing of a request by the Discharger for modifications, revocation and reissuance, or termination of this Order, or a notification of planned change in or anticipated noncompliance with this Order does not stay any condition of this Order.

- b. If any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under Section 307(a) of the CWA for a toxic pollutant and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in this Order, the Regional Water Board may institute proceedings under these regulations to modify or revoke and reissue the Order to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition.
- c. This Order may be re-opened and modified, to incorporate in accordance with the provisions set forth in 40 CFR Parts 122 and 124, to include requirements for the implementation of the watershed management approach.
- d. This Order may be reopened and modified, in accordance with the provisions set forth in 40 CFR Parts 122 and 124, to include new Minimum Levels (ML).
- e. This Order may be re-opened and modified to revise effluent limitations as a result of future Basin Plan Amendments, or the adoption of a total maximum daily load allocation (TMDL) for the receiving water.
- f. This Order may be re-opened upon submission by the Discharger of adequate information, as determined by this Regional Water Board, to provide for dilution credits or a mixing zone, as may be appropriate.
- g. This Order may be re-opened and modified to revise the toxicity language once that language becomes standardized.
- h. This Order may also be re-opened and modified, revoked, and reissued or terminated in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR sections 122.44, 122.62 to 122.64, 125.62, and

125.64. Causes for taking such actions include, but are not limited to, failure to comply with any condition of this Order and permit, and endangerment to human health or the environment resulting from the permitted activity.

## 2. Special Studies, Technical Reports, and Additional Monitoring Requirements

### a. San Elijo Ocean Outfall Capacity

No later than 180 days prior to the Order's expiration date, the Discharger shall submit a written report to the Executive Officer regarding capacity of the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO) that addresses the following items:

- 1) Most current report on SEOO capacity conducted within 365 days of the expiration date of this Order (June 8, 2010).
- 2) The Discharger's best estimate of when the average daily flow will equal or exceed the SEOO capacity.
- 3) The Discharger's intended schedule for studies, design, and other steps needed to provide additional capacity for the SEOO and/or to control the flow rate before the flow rate is equal to the current outfall capacity.
- 4) Report on physical condition of the SEOO.
- 5) The report must be signed and agreed upon by each of the parties discharging through the SEOO.

### b. Treatment Plant Capacity

The Discharger shall submit a written report to the Executive Officer within 90 days after the monthly average influent flow rate equals or exceeds 75 percent of the design secondary treatment capacity (3.94 MGD) of the wastewater treatment and/or disposal facilities. The Discharger's senior administrative officer shall sign a letter in accordance with Standard Provision V.B.2.a (Attachment D) which transmits that report and certifies that the policy-making body is adequately informed of the influent flow rate relative to the Facility's design capacity. The report shall include the following:

- 1) Average influent daily flow for the calendar month; the date on which the maximum daily flow occurred; and the rate of that maximum flow.
- 2) The Discharger's best estimate of when the average daily influent flow for a calendar month will equal or exceed the design capacity of the facilities.
- 3) The Discharger's intended schedule for studies, design, and other steps needed to provide additional capacity for the waste treatment and/or disposal facilities, and/or control the flow rate before the waste flow exceeds the capacity of present units.

c. Spill Prevention and Response Plans

- 1) For purposes of this section, a spill is a discharge of treated or untreated wastewater that occurs at or downstream of the Facility headworks in violation of Discharge Prohibition A of this Order, or a discharge of other materials related to treatment and operations of the Facility that occurs anywhere throughout the treatment system owned and/or operated by the Discharger. This section does not include sanitary sewer overflows reportable under separate waste discharge requirements.
- 2) The Discharger shall maintain a Spill Prevention Plan (SPP) for the SEOO and facilities owned and/or operated by the Discharger in an up-to-date condition and shall amend the SPP whenever there is a change (e.g., in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the sewerage system or sewerage facilities) which materially affects the potential for spills. The Discharger shall review and amend the SPP as appropriate after each spill from the SEOO or in the service area of the Facility. The SPP and any amendments thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Officer and shall be modified as directed by the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall submit the SPP and any amendments thereto to the Executive Officer upon request of the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall ensure that the up-to-date SPP is readily available to the sewerage system personnel at all times and that the sewerage system personnel are familiar with it.
- 3) The Discharger shall maintain a Spill Response Plan (SRP) for the SEOO in an up-to-date condition and shall amend the SRP, as necessary. The Discharger shall review and amend the SRP as appropriate after each spill from the SEOO or in the service area of the Facility. The SRP and any amendments thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Officer and shall be modified as directed by the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall submit the SRP and any amendments thereto to the Executive Officer upon request of the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall ensure that the up-to-date SRP is readily available to the sewerage system personnel at all times and that the sewerage system personnel are familiar with it.

d. Spill Reporting Requirements

The Discharger shall report spills as defined in Section VI.C.2.c.(1) above in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) If a spill results in a discharge of treated or untreated wastewater that is greater than 1,000 gallons that reaches surface waters, the Discharger shall:
  - a) Report the spill to the Regional Water Board by telephone, by voice mail, or by FAX within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the spill. The Discharger shall inform the Regional Water Board of the date of the spill, spill location and its final destination, time the spill began and ended, estimated total spill volume, and type of spill material.

- b) Submit a written report, as well as any additional pertinent information, to the Regional Water Board no later than five days following the starting date of the spill event. The Discharger shall submit the written report using the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report Form (June 13, 2001) provided under Regional Water Board Order No. 96-04.
  - 2) If a spill results in a discharge of treated or untreated wastewater under 1,000 gallons and the discharge does not reach surface waters:
    - a) The Discharger is not required to notify the Regional Water Board within 24 hours.
    - b) The Discharger shall submit a written report, as well as any additional pertinent information, in the monthly self-monitoring report for the month in which the spill occurred. The Discharger shall submit the written report using the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report Form (June 13, 2001) provided under Regional Water Board Order No. 96-04.
  - 3) For spills of material other than treated or untreated wastewater that cause, may cause, or are caused by significant operational failure, or endangers or may endanger human health or the environment, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by telephone, by voice mail, or by FAX within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the spill. The Discharger shall inform the Regional Water Board of the date of the spill, spill location and its final destination, time the spill began and ended, estimated total spill volume, and type of spill material.
  - 4) For all spills, the Discharger shall submit an annual summary containing the following information for each spill: date of spill, location of spill and its final destination, time the spill began and ended, estimated total spill volume, and type of spill material.
  - 5) The spill reporting requirements contained in this Order do not relieve the Discharger of responsibilities to report to other agencies, such as the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health Services.
- e. Sludge Disposal Requirements
- 1) The handling, treatment, use, management, and disposal of sludge and solids derived from wastewater treatment must comply with applicable provisions of CWA section 405 and USEPA regulations at 40 CFR parts 257, 258, 501, and 503, including all monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements.
  - 2) Sludge and wastewater solids must be disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill, reused by land application, or disposed of in a sludge-only landfill in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 258 and 503 and Title 23, Chapter 15 of the California Code of

Regulations. If the Discharger desires to dispose of solids and/or sludge in a different manner, a request for permit modification must be submitted to the USEPA and to this Regional Water Board at least 180 days prior to beginning the alternative means of disposal.

- 3) Sludge that is disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill must meet the requirements of 40 CFR 25 pertaining to providing information to the public. In the annual self-monitoring report, the Discharger shall include the amount of sludge placed in the landfill as well as the landfill to which it was sent.
- 4) All requirements of 40 CFR 503 and 23 CCR Chapter 15 are enforceable whether or not the requirements of those regulations are stated in an NPDES permit or any other permit issued to the Discharger.
- 5) The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to prevent and minimize any sludge use or disposal in violation of this Order that has a likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- 6) Solids and sludge treatment, storage, and disposal or reuse shall not create a nuisance, such as objectionable odors or flies, and shall not result in ground water contamination.
- 7) The solids and sludge treatment and storage site shall have adequate facilities to divert surface water runoff from adjacent areas to protect the boundaries of the site from erosion, and to prevent drainage from the treatment and storage site. Adequate protection is defined as protection, at the minimum, from a 100-year storm and protection from the highest possible tidal stage that may occur.
- 8) The discharge of sewage sludge and solids shall not cause waste material to be in a position where it is, or can be, conveyed from the treatment and storage sites and deposited in waters of the State.
- 9) The Discharger shall submit an annual report to the USEPA and the Regional Water Board containing monitoring results and pathogen and vector attraction reduction requirements, as specified by 40 CFR 503. The Discharger shall also report the quantity of sludge removed from the Facility and the disposal method. This self-monitoring report shall be postmarked by February 19 of each year and report for the period of the previous calendar year.

f. Pretreatment Program

- 1) The Discharger shall conduct an Industrial Waste Survey (IWS) of all the Industrial Users (IUs) in the service area of the Facility in order to determine whether any IUs are subject to pretreatment standards specified in 40 CFR 403. The Discharger shall also perform a priority pollutant scan of treated effluent from the Facility. The IWS and priority pollutant monitoring is required during the 12-month period beginning

November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Based on results of the IWS, the priority pollutant scan, and the requirements of 40 CFR 403, the Discharger shall submit a certification report indicating whether the treatment facility receives pollutants from any IU that would require the Discharger to establish a pretreatment program in accordance with 40 CFR 403. The certification report, along with results of the IWS and priority pollutant monitoring, shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by December 10, 2009. If the Discharger becomes aware of an IU in the service area of the Facility, which would require development of a pretreatment program pursuant to 40 CFR 403, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board and request a modification of this Order to include pretreatment program requirements. In such circumstances the Discharger shall develop and implement a pretreatment program in accordance with the requirements of CWA Sections 307 (b) and (c) and 402 (b) (8) and 40 CFR 403. The Discharger shall assure compliance with applicable federal and local pretreatment standards by the IUs within the service area of the Facility.

- 2) The Regional Water Board may amend this Order, at any time, to require the Discharger to develop and implement an industrial pretreatment program pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR 403, if the Regional Water Board finds that the Facility receives pollutants from an IU, which is subject to pretreatment standards, or if other circumstances so warrant.
- 3) To ensure continued protection of the sewer system, the Discharger shall review the sewer protection programs and activities (which collectively constitute the Non-industrial Source Control Program) implemented by its member agencies and submit a written report, which summarizes the adequacy of those programs and activities, to the Regional Water Board at least one time before the expiration date of this Order.

g. Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE)

The Discharger shall develop a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) workplan in accordance with the TRE procedures established by the USEPA in the following guidance manuals:

1. Generalized Methodology for Conducting Industrial Toxicity Reduction Evaluations (EPA/600/2-88/070).
2. Toxicity Identification Evaluation, Phase I (EPA/600/6-91/005F).
3. Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase II (EPA/600/R-92/080).
4. Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase III (EPA/600/R-92/081).

The Discharger shall submit the TRE workplan to the Regional Water Board within 180 days of the adoption of this Order. The TRE workplan shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Water Board and shall be modified as directed by the Regional Water Board.



If toxicity performance goals identified in Section IV.B.2 of this Order are exceeded, then within 15 days of the exceedance, the Discharger shall begin conducting six additional toxicity tests over a 6-month (at least one sample per calendar month, for a total of two samples per calendar month) period and provide the results to the Regional Water Board. The additional monthly toxicity tests will be incorporated into the semiannual discharge monitoring reports submitted pursuant to the MRP (Attachment E).

If the additional monthly tests indicate that toxicity effluent limitations are being consistently violated (at least three exceedances out of the six tests), the Regional Water Board may recommend that the Discharger conduct a TRE and a Toxic Identification Evaluation (TIE), as identified in the approved TRE workplan.

Within fifteen days of completion of the TRE/TIE, the Discharger shall submit the results of the TRE/TIE, including a summary of the findings, data generated, a list of corrective actions necessary to achieve consistent compliance with all the toxicity limitation of this Order and prevent recurrence of violations of those limitation, and a time schedule for implementation of such corrective actions. The corrective actions and time schedule shall be modified at the direction of the Executive Officer.

## **VII. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION**

Compliance with the effluent limitations contained in Section IV of this Order will be determined as specified below:

### **A. Average Monthly Effluent Limitation (AMEL).**

If the average of daily discharges over a calendar month exceeds the AMEL for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for each day of that month for that parameter (e.g., resulting in 31 days of non-compliance in a 31-day month). The average of daily discharges over the calendar month that exceeds the AMEL for a parameter will be considered out of compliance for that month only. If only a single sample is taken during the calendar month and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the AMEL, the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that calendar month. For any one calendar month during which no sample (daily discharge) is taken, no compliance determination can be made for that calendar month.

### **B. Average Weekly Effluent Limitation (AWEL).**

If the average of daily discharges over a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) exceeds the AWEL for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for each day of that week for that parameter, resulting in 7 days of non-compliance. The average of daily discharges over the calendar week that exceeds the AWEL for a parameter will be considered out of compliance for that week only. If only a single sample is taken during the calendar week and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the AWEL, the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that calendar week. For any one

calendar week during which no sample (daily discharge) is taken, no compliance determination can be made for that calendar week.

**C. Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL).**

The MDEL shall apply to flow weighted 24-hour composite samples. If a daily discharge exceeds the MDEL for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that 1 day only within the reporting period. For any 1 day during which no sample is taken, no compliance determination can be made for that day.

**D. Instantaneous Minimum Effluent Limitation.**

The instantaneous minimum effluent concentration limitation shall apply to grab sample determinations. If the analytical result of a single grab sample is lower than the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation for a parameter, a violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that single sample. Non-compliance for each sample will be considered separately (e.g., the results of two grab samples taken within a calendar day that both are lower than the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation would result in two instances of non-compliance with the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation).

**E. Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation.**

The instantaneous maximum effluent concentration limitation shall apply to grab sample determinations. If the analytical result of a single grab sample is higher than the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation for a parameter, a violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that single sample. Non-compliance for each sample will be considered separately (e.g., the results of two grab samples taken within a calendar day that both exceed the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation would result in two instances of non-compliance with the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation).

**F. Six-month Median Effluent Limitation.**

If the median of daily discharges over any 180-day period exceeds the six-month median effluent limitation for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for each day of that 180-day period for that parameter. The next assessment of compliance will occur after the next sample is taken. If only a single sample is taken during a given 180-day period and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the six-month median, the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for the 180-day period. For any 180-period during which no sample is taken, no compliance determination can be made for the six-month median limitation.

**G. Mass and Concentration Limitations.**

Compliance with mass and concentration effluent limitations for the same parameter shall be determined separately with their respective limitations. When the concentration of a constituent in an effluent sample is determined to be "ND" or "DNQ", the corresponding mass emission rate (MER) determined from that sample concentration shall also be reported as "ND" or "DNQ."

## H. Percent Removal.

Compliance with the secondary treatment standard for monthly average percent removal of biochemical oxygen demand, carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, and total suspended solids pursuant to 40 CFR Part 133 shall be determined separately for each wastewater treatment facility discharging through an outfall. For each wastewater treatment facility, the monthly average percent removal is the average of the calculated daily discharge percent removals only for days on which the constituent concentration is monitored in both the influent and effluent of the wastewater treatment facility at locations specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) within a calendar month.

The percent removal for each day shall be calculated according to the following equation:

$$\text{Daily discharge percent removal} = \frac{\text{Influent concentration} - \text{Effluent concentration}}{\text{Influent concentration}} \times 100\%$$

## I. Ocean Plan Provisions for Table B Constituents.

### 1. Sampling Reporting Protocols

- a. Dischargers must report with each sample result the reported Minimum Level (ML) and the laboratory's current Method Detection Limit (MDL).
- b. Dischargers must also report the results of analytical determinations for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following reporting protocols:
  - 1) Sample results greater than or equal to the reported ML must be reported "as measured" by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample).
  - 2) Sample results less than the reported ML, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL, must be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified", or DNQ. The laboratory must write the estimated chemical concentration of the sample next to DNQ as well as the words "Estimated Concentration" (may be shortened to "Est. Conc.").
  - 3) Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL must be reported as "Not Detected", or ND.

### 2. Compliance Determination

Sufficient sampling and analysis shall be required to determine compliance with the effluent limitation.

#### a. Compliance with Single-Constituent Effluent Limitations

The Discharger shall be deemed out of compliance with an effluent limitation or discharge specification if the concentration of the constituent in the monitoring sample is

greater than the effluent limitation or discharge specification and greater than or equal to the ML.

b. Compliance with Effluent Limitations expressed as a Sum of Several Constituents

Dischargers are out of compliance with an effluent limitation that applies to the sum of a group of chemicals (e.g., PCB's) if the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations is greater than the effluent limitation. Individual pollutants of the group will be considered to have a concentration of zero if the constituent is reported as ND or DNQ.

c. Multiple Sample Data Reduction

The concentration of the pollutant in the effluent may be estimated from the result of a single sample analysis or by a measure of central tendency (arithmetic mean, geometric mean, median, etc.) of multiple sample analyses when all sample results are quantifiable (i.e., greater than or equal to the reported ML). When one or more sample results are reported as ND or DNQ, the central tendency concentration of the pollutant shall be the median (middle) value of the multiple samples. If, in an even number of samples, one or both of the middle values is ND or DNQ, the median will be the lower of the two middle values.

3. Pollutant Minimization Program

a. Pollutant Minimization Program Goal

The goal of the Pollutant Minimization Program is to reduce all potential sources of a pollutant through pollutant minimization (control) strategies, including pollution prevention measures, in order to maintain the effluent concentration at or below the effluent limitation. Pollution prevention measures may be particularly appropriate for persistent bioaccumulative priority pollutants where there is evidence that beneficial uses are being impacted. The completion and implementation of a Pollution Prevention Plan, required in accordance with California Water Code Section 13263.3 (d) will fulfill the Pollutant Minimization Program requirements in this section.

b. Determining the need for a Pollutant Minimization Program

- 1) The Discharger must develop and conduct a Pollutant Minimization Program if all of the following conditions are true:
  - a) The calculated effluent limitation is less than the reported ML.
  - b) The concentration of the pollutant is reported as DNQ.
  - c) There is evidence showing that the pollutant is present in the effluent above the calculated effluent limitation.

- 2) Alternatively, the Discharger must develop and conduct a Pollutant Minimization Program if all of the following conditions are true:
  - a) The calculated effluent limitation is less than the Method Detection Limit.
  - b) The concentration of the pollutant is reported as ND.
  - c) There is evidence showing that the pollutant is present in the effluent above the calculated effluent limitation.
- c. Regional Water Board may include special provisions in the discharge requirements to require the gathering of evidence to determine whether the pollutant is present in the effluent at levels above the calculated effluent limitation. Examples of evidence may include:
  - 1) Health advisories for fish consumption,
  - 2) Presence of whole effluent toxicity,
  - 3) Results of benthic or aquatic organism tissue sampling,
  - 4) Sample results from analytical methods more sensitive than methods included in the permit.
  - 5) The concentration of the pollutant is reported as DNQ and the effluent limitation is less than the MDL

**J. Receiving Water Sampling Protocol.**

The instantaneous maximum and daily maximum receiving water limitations shall apply to grab sample determinations.

**K. Chronic Toxicity.**

Chronic toxicity is used to measure the acceptability of waters for supporting a healthy marine biota until approved methods are developed to evaluate biological response. Compliance with the Chronic Toxicity performance goal established in Section IV.B.2 of this Order for Outfall 001 shall be determined using critical life stage toxicity tests in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Ocean Plan (2001) and restated in the MRP (Attachment E). Chronic Toxicity (TUc) shall be expressed as Toxic Units Chronic (TUc), where:

$$TUc = 100 / NOEL$$

where NOEL is the No Observed Effect Level and is expressed as the maximum percent of effluent that causes no observable effect on a test organism, as determined by the result of a critical life stage toxicity test

**L. Discharges to Surface Water.**

The discharge of waste to surface water from the Facility in violation of the Discharge Prohibitions contained in this Order is a violation of the Clean Water Act, the California Water Code, and the Basin Plan.

**M. Discharges to Land.**

The discharge of waste to land from the Facility in violation of the Discharge Prohibitions contained in this Order, unless specifically allowed by this Order or by other waste discharge requirements or a waiver, is a violation of the California Water Code and the Basin Plan.

**N. Mass Emission Rate.**

The mass emission rate (MER), in pounds per day, shall be obtained from the following calculation for any calendar day:

$$\text{Mass Emission Rate (lb/Day)} = 8.34 \times Q \times C$$

in which Q and C are the flow rate in MGallons/Day and the constituent concentration in mg/L, respectively, and 8.34 is a conversion factor. If a composite sample is taken, then C is the concentration measured in the composite sample and Q is the average flow rate occurring during the period over which the samples are composited.

**O. Bacterial Standards and Analysis.**

1. The geometric mean used for determining compliance with bacterial standards is calculated with the following equation:

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = (C_1 \times C_2 \times \dots \times C_n)^{1/n}$$

where n is the number of days samples were collected during the period and C is the concentration of bacteria (MPN/100 mL) found on each day of sampling.

2. For all bacterial analyses, sample dilutions should be performed so the range of values extends from 2 to 16,000 MPN (most probable number). The detection methods used for each analysis shall be reported with the results of the analysis. Detection methods used for coliforms (total and fecal) shall be those presented in the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater or any improved method determined by the Regional Water Board (and approved by USEPA) to be appropriate. Detection methods used for enterococcus shall be those presented in USEPA publication USEPA 600/4-85/076, 40 CFR 136, and any other approved method approved by the Regional Water Board. Test Methods for Escherichia coli and Enterococci in Water by Membrane Filter Procedure or any improved method determined by the Regional Water Board to be appropriate.

**P. Single Operational Upset.**

A single operational upset (SOU) that leads to simultaneous violations of more than one pollutant parameter shall be treated as a single violation and limits the Discharger's liability in accordance with the following conditions:

1. A single operational upset is broadly defined as a single unusual event that temporarily disrupts the usually satisfactory operation of a system in such a way that it results in violation of multiple pollutant parameters.
2. A Discharger may assert SOU to limit liability only for those violations which the Discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in Provision E.5.b(2) of Attachment D - Standard Provisions.
3. For purposes outside of CWC Section 13385 (h) and (i), determination of compliance and civil liability (including any more specific definition of SOU, the requirements for Dischargers to assert the SOU limitation of liability, and the manner of counting violations) shall be in accordance with the USEPA Memorandum "Issuance of Guidance Interpreting Single Operational Upset" (September 27, 1989).
4. For purposes of CWC Section 13385 (h) and (i), determination of compliance and civil liability (including any more specific definition of SOU, the requirements for Dischargers to assert the SOU limitation of liability, and the manner of counting violations) shall be in accordance with CWC Section 13385 (f)(2).

## ENDNOTES

1. Shall mean the sum of 1,2- and 1,3-dichlorobenzene.
2. Shall mean the sum of chlordane-alpha, chlordane-gamma, chlordene-alpha, chlordene-gamma, nonachlor-alpha, nonachlor-gamma, and oxychlordane.
2. Shall mean the sum of 4,4'DDT; 2,4'DDT; 4,4'DDE; 2,4'DDE; 4,4'DDD; and 2,4'DDD.
3. Halomethanes shall mean the sum of bromoform, bromomethane (methyl bromide), and chloromethane (methyl chloride).
4. PAHs (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons) shall mean the sum of acenaphthalene, anthracene, 1,2-benzanthracene, 3,4-benzofluoranthene, benzo[k]fluoranthene, 1,12-benzoperylene, benzo[a]pyrene, chrysene, dibenzo[ah]anthracene, fluorine, indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene, phenanthrene, and pyrene.
5. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) shall mean the sum of chlorinated biphenyls whose analytical characteristics resemble those of Aroclor-1016, Aroclor-1221, Aroclor-1232, Aroclor-1242, Aroclor-1248, Aroclor-1254, and Aroclor-1260.
6. TCDD Equivalents shall mean the sum of concentrations of chlorinated dibenzodioxins (2,3,7,8-CDDs) and chlorinated dibenzofurans (2,3,7,8-CDFs) multiplied by their respective toxicity factors, as shown by the table, below.

Isomer Group	Toxicity Equivalence Factor
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDD	1.0
2,3,7,8 - penta CDD	0.5
2,3,7,8 - hexa CDD	0.1
2,3,7,8 - hepta CDD	0.01
octa CDD	0.001
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDF	0.1
1,2,3,7,8 - penta CDF	0.05
2,3,4,7,8 - penta CDF	0.5
2,3,7,8 - hexa CDFs	0.1
2,3,7,8 - hepta CDFs	0.01
octa CDF	0.001

7. Dischargers may, at their option, meet this performance goal as a total chromium performance goal.
8. If a Discharger can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board (subject to USEPA approval) that an analytical method is available to reliably distinguish between strongly and weakly complexed cyanide, effluent limitations for cyanide may be met by the combined measurement of free cyanide, simple alkali metal cyanides, and weakly complexed organometallic cyanide complexes. In order for the analytical method to be acceptable, the



recovery of free cyanide from metal complexes must be comparable to that achieved by the approved method in 40 CFR 136, as revised May 14, 1999.

9. The water quality objectives for total chlorine residual applicable to intermittent discharges not exceeding two hours, shall be determined through the use of the following equation:  $\log y = -0.43 (\log x) + 1.8$ , where  $y$  = the water quality objective (in ug/l) to apply when chlorine is being discharged;  $x$  = the duration of uninterrupted chlorine discharge in minutes. Actual effluent limitations for total chlorine, when discharging intermittently, shall then be determined according to *Implementation Procedures for Table B* from the Ocean Plan (2001), using a minimum probable initial dilution factor of 237 and a flow rate of 5.25 MGD.
10. Chronic toxicity expressed as Chronic Toxicity Units (TUc) =  $100 / \text{NOEL}$ , where NOEL (No Observed Effect Level) is expressed as the maximum percent effluent or receiving water that causes no observable effect on a test organism, as determined by the result of critical life stage toxicity tests identified in Section V of THE Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E).
11. Shall mean the sum of the alpha, beta, gamma (lindane), and delta isomers of hexachlorocyclohexane.
12. Not to exceed limits specified in Title 17 California Code of Regulations, Section 30253, Standards for Protection Against Radiation. Reference to Section 30253 is prospective, including future changes to any incorporated provisions of federal law, as the changes take effect.

## ATTACHMENT A – DEFINITIONS

**Anti-Backsliding.** Provisions in the Clean Water Act and USEPA regulations [CWA 303 (d) (4); CWA 402 (c); CFR 122.44 (l)] that require a reissued permit to be as stringent as the previous permit with some exceptions.

**Antidegradation.** Policies which ensure protection of water quality for a particular water body where the water quality exceeds levels necessary to protect fish and wildlife propagation and recreation on and in the water. This also includes special protection of waters designated as outstanding natural resource waters. Antidegradation plans are adopted by the State to minimize adverse effects on water.

**Applicable Standards and Limitations** means all State, interstate, and federal standards and limitations to which a discharge, a sewage sludge use or disposal practice, or a related activity is subject under the CWA, including effluent limitations, water quality standards, standards of performance, toxic effluent standards or prohibitions, best management practices, pretreatment standards, and standards for sewage sludge use or disposal under sections 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 403 and 405 of CWA.

**Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)** are those areas designated by the State Water Board as requiring protection of species or biological communities to the extent that alteration of natural water quality is undesirable.

**Average Monthly Effluent Limitation (AMEL):** the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.

**Average Weekly Effluent Limitation (AWEL):** the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

**Beneficial Uses** of the waters of the State that may be protected against quality degradation include, but are not limited to, domestic, municipal, agricultural and industrial supply; power generation; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; navigation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources or preserves.

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Best Professional Judgment (BPJ).** The method used by permit writers to develop technology-based NPDES permit conditions on a case-by-case basis using all reasonably available and relevant data.

**Bioaccumulative** pollutants are those substances taken up by an organism from its surrounding medium through gill membranes, epithelial tissue, or from food and subsequently concentrated and retained in the body of the organism.

**Bioassay.** A test used to evaluate the relative potency of a chemical or a mixture of chemicals by comparing its effect on a living organism with the effect of a standard preparation on the same type of organism.

**Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).** A measurement of the amount of oxygen utilized by the decomposition of organic material, over a specified time period (usually 5 days) in a wastewater sample; it is used as a measurement of the readily decomposable organic content of a wastewater.

**Biosolids.** Sewage sludge that is used or disposed through land application, surface disposal, incineration, or disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill. Sewage sludge is defined as solid, semi-solid, or liquid untreated residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment facility.

**Bypass.** The intentional diversion of wastestreams from any portion of a treatment (or pretreatment) facility.

**Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD).** The measurement of oxygen required for carbonaceous oxidation of a nonspecific mixture of organic compounds. Interference caused by nitrifying bacteria in the standard 5-day BOD test is eliminated by suppressing the nitrification reaction.

**Certifying Official.** All applications, including NOIs, must be signed as follows:

For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. A principal executive officer of a federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.

**Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD).** A measure of the oxygen-consuming capacity of inorganic and organic matter present in wastewater. COD is expressed as the amount of oxygen consumed in mg/L. Results do not necessarily correlate to the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) because the chemical oxidant may react with substances that bacteria do not stabilize.

**Composite Sample.** Sample composed of two or more discrete samples of at least 100 milliliters collected at periodic intervals during the operating hours of a facility over a 24-hour period. The aggregate sample will reflect the average water quality covering the compositing or sample period. For volatile pollutants, aliquots must be combined in the laboratory immediately before analysis. The composite must be flow proportional; either the time interval between each aliquot or the volume of each aliquot must be proportional to either stream flow at the time of sampling or the total stream flow since the collection of the previous aliquot. Aliquots may be collected manually or automatically.

**Conventional Pollutants.** Pollutants typical of municipal sewage, and for which municipal secondary treatment plants are typically designed; defined at 40 CFR 401.16 as BOD, TSS, fecal coliform bacteria, oil and grease, and pH.

**Daily Discharge:** Daily Discharge is defined as either: (1) the total mass of the constituent discharged over the calendar day (12:00 am through 11:59 pm) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling (as specified in the permit), for a constituent with limitations expressed in units of mass or; (2) the unweighted arithmetic mean measurement of the constituent over the day for a constituent with limitations expressed in other units of measurement (e.g., concentration).

The daily discharge may be determined by the analytical results of a composite sample taken over the course of one day (a calendar day or other 24-hour period defined as a day) or by the arithmetic mean of analytical results from one or more grab samples taken over the course of the day.

For composite sampling, if 1 day is defined as a 24-hour period other than a calendar day, the analytical result for the 24-hour period will be considered as the result for the calendar day in which the 24-hour period ends.

**Daily Maximum Limit.** The maximum allowable daily discharge of pollutant. Where daily maximum limitations are expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is the total mass discharged over the course of the 24-hour period. Where daily maximum limitations are expressed in terms of a concentration, the daily discharge is the arithmetic average measurement of the pollutant concentration derived from all measurements taken that 24-hour period.

**Degrade (Degredation).** Degradation shall be determined by comparison of the waste field and reference site(s) for characteristic species diversity, population density, contamination, growth anomalies, debility, or supplanting of normal species by undesirable plant and animal species. Degradation occurs if there are significant differences in any of three major biotic groups, namely, demersal fish, benthic invertebrates, or attached algae. Other groups may be evaluated where benthic species are not affected, or are not the only ones affected.

**Dilution Credit** is the amount of dilution granted to a discharge in the calculation of a water quality-based effluent limitation, based on the allowance of a specified mixing zone. It is calculated from the dilution ratio or determined through conducting a mixing zone study or modeling of the discharge and receiving water.

**Dilution Ratio** is the critical low flow of the upstream receiving water divided by the flow of the effluent discharged.

**Discharge** when used without qualification means the discharge of a pollutant. Discharge of a pollutant means:

1. Any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to waters of the United States from any point source, or
2. Any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the contiguous zone or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft that is being used as a means of transportation.

This definition includes additions of pollutants into waters of the United States from: surface runoff which is collected or channelled by man; discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances owned by a state, municipality, or other person which do not lead to a treatment works; and discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances, leading into privately owned treatment works. This term does not include an addition of pollutants by any indirect Discharger.

**Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)** means the USEPA uniform form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications for the reporting of self-monitoring results by permittees. DMRs must be used by approved states as well as by USEPA. The USEPA will supply DMRs to any approved state upon request. The USEPA national forms may be modified to substitute the state agency name, address, logo, and other similar information, as appropriate, in place of USEPA's.

**Effluent Limitation** means any restriction imposed by an Order on quantities, discharge rates, and concentrations of pollutants that are discharged from point sources into waters of the United States, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the ocean.

**Grab Sample.** An individual sample of at least 100 milliliters collected at a randomly selected time over a period not exceeding 15 minutes. The sample is taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis without consideration of the flow rate of the waste stream and without consideration of time of day.

**Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation:** the highest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous maximum limitation).

**Instantaneous Minimum Effluent Limitation:** the lowest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous minimum limitation).

**Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL):** the highest allowable daily discharge of a pollutant.

**Method Detection Limit (MDL)** is the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero.

**Minimum Level (ML)** is the concentration at which the entire analytical system must give a recognizable signal and acceptable calibration point. The ML is the concentration in a sample that is equivalent to the concentration of the lowest calibration standard analyzed by a specific analytical

procedure, assuming that all the method specified sample weights, volumes, and processing steps have been followed.

**Sanitary Sewer.** A pipe or conduit (sewer) intended to carry wastewater or water-borne wastes from homes, businesses, and industries to the POTW.

**Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO).** Untreated or partially treated sewage overflows from a sanitary sewer collection system.

**Secondary Treatment Standards.** Technology-based requirements for direct discharging municipal sewage treatment facilities. Standards are based on a combination of physical and biological processes typical for the treatment of pollutants in municipal sewage. Standards are expressed as a minimum level of effluent quality in terms of: BOD<sub>5</sub>, total suspended solids (TSS), and pH (except as provided for special considerations and treatment equivalent to secondary treatment).

**Six-month Median Effluent Limitation:** the highest allowable moving median of all daily discharges for any 180-day period.

**Technology-Based Effluent Limit.** A permit limit for a pollutant that is based on the capability of a treatment method to reduce the pollutant to a certain concentration.

**Toxic Pollutant.** Pollutants or combinations of pollutants, including disease-causing agents, which after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will, on the basis of information available to the Administrator of USEPA, cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, (including malfunctions in reproduction) or physical deformations, in such organisms or their offspring. Toxic pollutants also include those pollutants listed by the Administrator under CWA Section 307 (a) (1) or any pollutant listed under Section 405 (d) which relates to sludge management.

**Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE).** A site-specific study conducted in a stepwise process designed to identify the causative agent(s) of effluent toxicity, isolate the sources of toxicity, evaluate the effectiveness of toxicity control options, and then confirm the reduction in effluent toxicity.

**Upset** is defined as (a) An unusual event that temporarily disrupts the usually satisfactory operation of a system. This definition constitutes the plain meaning or broad definition of the term "upset." (b) An event more narrowly defined at 40 CFR 122.41 (n)(1) and which belongs to a subset of events that fit the definition of the term "upset" provided in (a).

**Water Quality Control Plan** consists of a designation or establishment for the waters within a specified area of all of the following:

1. Beneficial uses to be protected.
2. Water quality objectives.

3. A program of implementation needed for achieving water quality objectives.

**Water Quality Objectives** means the limits or levels of water quality constituents or characteristics which are established for the reasonable protection of beneficial uses of water or the prevention of nuisance within a specific area.

**Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET).** The total toxic effect of an effluent measured directly with a toxicity test.







## **ATTACHMENT D – FEDERAL STANDARD PROVISIONS**

### **I. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT COMPLIANCE**

#### **A. Duty to Comply**

1. The Discharger must comply with all of the conditions of this Order. Any noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Water Code (CWC) and is grounds for enforcement action, for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or denial of a permit renewal application [40 CFR §122.41(a)].
2. The Discharger shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the CWA within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if this Order has not been modified to incorporate the requirement [40 CFR §122.41(a)(1)].

#### **B. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense**

It shall not be a defense for a Discharger in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Order [40 CFR §122.41(c)].

#### **C. Duty to Mitigate**

The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this Order that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment [40 CFR §122.41(d)].

#### **D. Proper Operation and Maintenance**

The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by a Discharger only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order [40 CFR §122.41(e)].

#### **E. Property Rights**

1. This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges [40 CFR §122.41(g)].

2. The issuance of this Order does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of State or local law or regulations [40 CFR §122.5(c)].

#### **F. Inspection and Entry**

The Discharger shall allow the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and/or their authorized representatives (including an authorized contractor acting as their representative), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents, as may be required by law, to [40 CFR §122.41(i)] [CWC 13383(c)]:

1. Enter upon the Discharger's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this Order [40 CFR §122.41(i)(1)];
2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order [40 CFR §122.41(i)(2)];
3. Inspect and photograph, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order [40 CFR §122.41(i)(3)];
4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring Order compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA or the CWC, any substances or parameters at any location [40 CFR §122.41(i)(4)].

#### **G. Bypass**

1. Definitions
  - a. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility [40 CFR §122.41(m)(1)(i)].
  - b. "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities, which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production [40 CFR §122.41(m)(1)(ii)].
2. Bypass not exceeding limitations – The Discharger may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause exceedances of effluent limitations, but only if it is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3 and I.G.5 below [40 CFR §122.41(m)(2)].

3. Prohibition of bypass – Bypass is prohibited, and the Regional Water Board may take enforcement action against a Discharger for bypass, unless [40 CFR §122.41(m)(4)(i)]:
  - a. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage [40 CFR §122.41(m)(4)(A)];
  - b. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance [40 CFR §122.41(m)(4)(B)]; and
  - c. The Discharger submitted notice to the Regional Water Board as required under Standard Provision – Permit Compliance I.G.5 below [40 CFR §122.41(m)(4)(C)].
4. The Regional Water Board may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Regional Water Board determines that it will meet the three conditions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3 above [40 CFR §122.41(m)(4)(ii)].
5. Notice
  - a. Anticipated bypass. If the Discharger knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit a notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass [40 CFR §122.41(m)(3)(i)].
  - b. Unanticipated bypass. The Discharger shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Standard Provisions - Reporting V.E below [40 CFR §122.41(m)(3)(ii)].

## H. Upset

Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation [40 CFR §122.41(n)(1)].

1. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph H.2 of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review [40 CFR §122.41(n)(2)].

2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A Discharger who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence that [40 CFR §122.41(n)(3)]:
  - a. An upset occurred and that the Discharger can identify the cause(s) of the upset [40 CFR §122.41(n)(3)(i)];
  - b. The permitted facility was, at the time, being properly operated [40 CFR §122.41(n)(3)(i)];
  - c. The Discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.E.2.b [40 CFR §122.41(n)(3)(iii)]; and
  - d. The Discharger complied with any remedial measures required under Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.C above [40 CFR §122.41(n)(3)(iv)].
3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the Discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof [40 CFR §122.41(n)(4)].

## II. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT ACTION

### A. General

This Order may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the Discharger for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any Order condition [40 CFR §122.41(f)].

### B. Duty to Reapply

If the Discharger wishes to continue an activity regulated by this Order after the expiration date of this Order, the Discharger must apply for and obtain a new permit [40 CFR §122.41(b)].

### C. Transfers

This Order is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the Order to change the name of the Discharger and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the CWA and the CWC [40 CFR §122.41(l)(3)] [40 CFR §122.61].

## III. STANDARD PROVISIONS – MONITORING

- A. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity [40 CFR §122.41(j)(1)].

- B.** Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures under 40 CFR Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under 40 CFR Part 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR Part 503 unless other test procedures have been specified in this Order [40 CFR §122.41(j)(4)] [40 CFR §122.44(i)(1)(iv)].

#### **IV. STANDARD PROVISIONS – RECORDS**

- A.** Except for records of monitoring information required by this Order related to the Discharger's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years (or longer as required by 40 CFR Part 503), the Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Regional Water Board Executive Officer at any time [40 CFR §122.41(j)(2)].
- B.** Records of monitoring information shall include:
1. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(i)];
  2. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(ii)];
  3. The date(s) analyses were performed [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(iii)];
  4. The individual(s) who performed the analyses [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(iv)];
  5. The analytical techniques or methods used [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(v)]; and
  6. The results of such analyses [40 CFR §122.41(j)(3)(vi)].
- C.** Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied [40 CFR §122.7(b)]:
1. The name and address of any permit applicant or Discharger [40 CFR §122.7(b)(1)]; and
  2. Permit applications and attachments, permits and effluent data [40 CFR §122.7(b)(2)].

#### **V. STANDARD PROVISIONS – REPORTING**

##### **A. Duty to Provide Information**

The Discharger shall furnish to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA within a reasonable time, any information which the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA may

request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order or to determine compliance with this Order. Upon request, the Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA copies of records required to be kept by this Order [40 CFR §122.41(h)] [CWC 13267].

## **B. Signatory and Certification Requirements**

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, and/or USEPA shall be signed and certified in accordance with paragraph (2.) and (3.) of this provision [40 CFR §122.41(k)].
2. All permit applications shall be signed as follows:
  - a. For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures [40 CFR §122.22(a)(1)];
  - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively [40 CFR §122.22(a)(2)]; or
  - c. For a municipality, State, federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this provision, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes: (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of USEPA) [40 CFR §122.22(a)(3)].
3. All reports required by this Order and other information requested by the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA shall be signed by a person described in paragraph (b) of this provision, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph (2.) of this provision [40 CFR §122.22(b)(1)];

- b. The authorization specified either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company (a duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position) [40 CFR §122.22(b)(2)]; and
  - c. The written authorization is submitted to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA [40 CFR §122.22(b)(3)].
4. If an authorization under paragraph (3.) of this provision is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph (3.) of this provision must be submitted to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB or USEPA prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications, to be signed by an authorized representative [40 CFR §122.22(c)].
  5. Any person signing a document under paragraph (2.) or (3.) of this provision shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations" [40 CFR §122.22(d)].

### **C. Monitoring Reports**

1. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program in this Order [40 CFR §122.41(l)(4)].
2. Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form or forms provided or specified by the Regional Water Board or SWRCB for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices [40 CFR §122.41(l)(4)(i)].
3. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this Order using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under 40 CFR Part 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR Part 503, or as specified in this Order, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Regional Water Board [40 CFR §122.41(l)(4)(ii)].



4. Calculations for all limitations, which require averaging of measurements, shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this Order [40 CFR §122.41(l)(4)(iii)].

#### **D. Compliance Schedules**

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this Order, shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date [40 CFR §122.41(l)(5)].

#### **E. Twenty-Four Hour Reporting**

1. The Discharger shall report any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(i)].
2. The following shall be included as information that must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(ii)]:
  - a. Any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(ii)(A)].
  - b. Any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B)].
  - c. Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants that are identified in this Order to be reported within 24 hours [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(ii)(C)].
3. The Regional Water Board may waive the above-required written report under this provision on a case-by-case basis if an oral report has been received within 24 hours [40 CFR §122.41(l)(6)(iii)].

#### **F. Planned Changes**

The Discharger shall give notice to the Regional Water Board as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required under this provision only when [40 CFR §122.41(l)(1)]:

1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR §122.29(b) [40 CFR §122.41(l)(1)(i)]; or

2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in this Order nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR Part 122.42(a)(1) (see Additional Provisions—Notification Levels VII.A.1) [40 CFR §122.41(l)(1)(ii)].
3. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the Discharger's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan [40 CFR §122.41(l)(1)(iii)].

#### **G. Anticipated Noncompliance**

The Discharger shall give advance notice to the Regional Water Board or SWRCB of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with General Order requirements [40 CFR §122.41(l)(2)].

#### **H. Other Noncompliance**

The Discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Standard Provisions – Reporting E.3, E.4, and E.5 at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Standard Provision – Reporting V.E [40 CFR §122.41(l)(7)].

#### **I. Other Information**

When the Discharger becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Regional Water Board, SWRCB, or USEPA, the Discharger shall promptly submit such facts or information [40 CFR §122.41(l)(8)].

### **VI. STANDARD PROVISIONS – ENFORCEMENT**

- A. The CWA provides that any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. The CWA provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by

imprisonment of not more than two (2) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the Clean Water Act, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions [40 CFR §122.41(a)(2)] [CWC 13385 and 13387].

- B. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Regional Water Board for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000 [40 CFR §122.41(a)(3)].
- C. The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both [40 CFR §122.41(j)(5)].
- D. The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this Order, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six months per violation, or by both [40 CFR §122.41(k)(2)].

## VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS – NOTIFICATION LEVELS

All POTWs shall provide adequate notice to the Regional Water Board of the following [40 CFR §122.42(b)]:

- A. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect Discharger that would be subject to Sections 301 or 306 of the CWA if it were directly discharging those pollutants [40 *CFR* §122.42(b)(1)]; and
- B. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of adoption of the Order [40 *CFR* §122.42(b)(2)].

Adequate notice shall include information on the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW as well as any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW [40 *CFR* §122.42(b)(3)].

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## ATTACHMENT E – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MRP)

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. CWC sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to require technical and monitoring reports. This MRP establishes monitoring and reporting requirements that implement the federal and California regulations.

### I. GENERAL MONITORING PROVISIONS

- A. Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. All samples shall be taken at the monitoring points specified below and, unless otherwise specified, before the monitored flow joins or is diluted by any other waste stream, body of water, or substance. Monitoring points shall not be changed without notification to and the approval of the Regional Water Board. Samples shall be collected at times representative of “worst case” conditions with respect to compliance with the requirements of Order No. R9-2005-0100.
- B. Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. The devices shall be installed, calibrated and maintained to ensure that the accuracy of the measurements are consistent with the accepted capability of that type of device. Devices selected shall be capable of measuring flows with a maximum deviation of less than  $\pm 5$  percent from true discharge rates throughout the range of expected discharge volumes.
- C. Monitoring must be conducted according to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) test procedures approved at 40 CFR Part 136, *Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act* as amended, or unless other test procedures are specified in Order No. R9-2005-0100 and/or in this MRP and/or by the Regional Water Board.
- D. All analyses shall be performed in a laboratory certified to perform such analyses by the California Department of Health Services or a laboratory approved by the Regional Water Board.
- E. Records of monitoring information shall include information required under Standard Provision IV.
- F. All monitoring instruments and devices used by the discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary to ensure their continued accuracy. All flow measurement devices shall be calibrated at least once per year, or more frequently, to ensure continued accuracy of the devices.
- G. The Discharger shall have, and implement, an acceptable written quality assurance (QA) plan for laboratory analyses. Duplicate chemical analyses must be conducted on a minimum of ten percent of the samples or at least one sample per month, whichever is greater. A similar frequency shall be maintained for analyzing spiked samples. When requested by USEPA or the

Regional Water Board, the Discharger will participate in the NPDES discharge monitoring report QA performance study. The Discharger should have a success rate equal or greater than 80 percent.

- H. Analysis for toxic pollutants, including acute and chronic toxicity, with effluent limitations based on water quality objectives of the California Ocean Plan (2001) shall be conducted in accordance with procedures described in the Ocean Plan (2001) and restated in this MRP.
- I. This permit may be modified in accordance with the requirements set forth at 40 CFR Parts 122 and 124, to include appropriate conditions or limits to address demonstrated effluent toxicity based on newly available information, or to implement any USEPA approved, new, state water quality standards applicable to effluent toxicity.

## II. MONITORING LOCATIONS

The Discharger shall establish the following monitoring locations to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitations, discharge specifications, and other requirements in this Order:

**Table 1. Monitoring Station Locations**

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
	M-INF	At a location where all influent flows are accounted for in monitoring events; upstream of any in-plant return flows; and where representative samples of influent can be collected.
Outfall 001	M-001	Downstream of any in-plant return flows and disinfection units, before combining with wastewaters from the Escondido Land Outfall line, where representative samples of effluent can be collected.
		- Receiving Water Monitoring Stations -
		- Surf Zone Monitoring Stations -
	S1	Surf Zone; 8,000 ft south of the outfall
	S2	Surf Zone; 4,500 ft south of the outfall
	S3	Surf Zone; 2,500 ft south of the outfall
	S4	Surf Zone; 500 ft south of the outfall
	S5	Surf Zone; 500 ft north of the outfall
	S6	Surf Zone; 2,200 ft north of the outfall (historical)
	S7	Surf Zone; 4,000 ft north of the outfall
	S8	Surf Zone; 8,000 ft north of the outfall
		- Near Shore Monitoring Stations -
	N1	Opposite S1; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N2	Opposite S2; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N3	Opposite S3; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N4	Opposite S4; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N5	Opposite S5; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N6	Opposite S6; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW
	N7	Opposite S7; 3,000 ft seaward, MLLW

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
		- Offshore Monitoring Stations -
	A14S	At the 120 ft depth contour; 14,000 ft south of the outfall
	A4S	At the 120 ft depth contour; 4,000 ft south of the outfall
	A2S	At the 120 ft depth contour; 2,000 ft south of the outfall
	A1S	At the 120 ft depth contour; 1,000 ft south of the outfall
	A0.5S	At the 120 ft depth contour; 500 ft south of the outfall
	A1N	At the 120 ft depth contour; 1,000 ft north of the outfall
	A2N	At the 120 ft depth contour; 2,000 ft north of the outfall
		- Biological Transects -
	T0.5S	At the 20, 40, 60, and 80 ft depth contours along the transect located 500 ft downcoast of and parallel to the outfall
	T4S	At the 20, 40, 60, and 80 ft depth contours along the transect located 4,000 ft downcoast of and parallel to the outfall
	T14S	At the 20, 40, 60, and 80 ft depth contours along the transect located 14,000 ft downcoast of and parallel to the outfall

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### **III. INFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Monitoring Location M-INF**

The Discharger shall monitor influent to the facility at M-INF as follows:

**Table 2. Influent Monitoring**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Flow	MGD	recorder / totalizer	continuous
CBOD <sub>5</sub> @ 20° C	mg/L	24 hr composite	weekly
TSS	mg/L	24 hr composite	weekly

### **IV. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Sample Type and Frequency**

The Discharger shall monitor secondary effluent at monitoring location M-001 as follows (Endnotes are located at the end of the MRP starting on page 18):



**Table 3. Effluent Monitoring**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Flow	MGD	recorder / totalizer	continuous
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	24 hr composite	daily <sup>2</sup>
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	24 hr composite	monthly
TSS	mg/L	24 hr composite	daily <sup>2</sup>
pH	pH Units	grab	daily <sup>2</sup>
Oil and Grease	mg/L	grab	monthly <sup>3</sup>
Settleable Solids	mL/L	grab	daily <sup>2</sup>
Turbidity	NTU	24 hr composite	weekly <sup>3</sup>
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	grab	weekly
Temperature	° F	grab	weekly
Total Residual Chlorine	µg/L	grab	daily <sup>7</sup>
arsenic	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
cadmium	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
chromium (VI)	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4, 6</sup>
copper	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
lead	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
mercury	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
nickel	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
selenium	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
silver	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
zinc	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
cyanide	µg/L	24 hr composite	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
ammonia	mg/L	24 hr composite	monthly <sup>3</sup>
non-chlorinated phenolic compounds	µg/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
chlorinated phenolics	µg/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3</sup>
endosulfan	µg/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3</sup>
endrin	µg/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3</sup>
HCH	µg/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3, 4</sup>
radioactivity	pCi/L	grab	semiannually <sup>3</sup>
acrolein	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
antimony	µg/L	24 hr composite	annually <sup>3</sup>
bis (2-chloroethoxy) methane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
bis (2-chloroisopropyl) ether	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
chlorobenzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
chromium (trivalent)	µg/L	24 hr composite	annually <sup>3</sup>
di-n-butyl phthalate	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
dichlorobenzenes	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
diethyl phthalate	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
dimethyl phthalate	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
4,6-dinitro-2-methylphenol	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
2,4-dinitrophenol	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
ethylbenzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>

Parameter	Units	Sample Type <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Sampling Frequency
fluoranthene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
hexachlorocyclopentadiene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
nitrobenzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
thallium	µg/L	24 hr composite	annually <sup>3</sup>
toluene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,1,1-trichloroethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
tributyltin	µg/L	24 hr composite	annually <sup>3</sup>
acrylonitrile	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
aldrin	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
benzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
benzidine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
beryllium	µg/L	24 hr composite	annually <sup>3</sup>
bis (2-chloroethyl) ether	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
carbon tetrachloride	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
chlordane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
chlorodibromomethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
chloroform	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
DDT	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,4-dichlorobenzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
3,3'-dichlorobenzidine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,2-dichloroethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,1-dichloroethylene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
dichlorobromomethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
dichloromethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,3-dichloropropene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
dieldrin	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
2,4-dinitrotoluene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,2-diphenylhydrazine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
halomethanes	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
heptachlor	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
heptachlor epoxide	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
hexachlorobenzene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
hexachlorobutadiene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
hexachloroethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
isophorone	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
N-nitrosodimethylamine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
N-nitrosodi-N-propylamine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
N-nitrosodiphenylamine	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
PAHs	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
PCBs	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
TCDD equivalents	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3,8</sup>
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>

Parameter	Units	Sample Type <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Sampling Frequency
tetrachloroethylene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
toxaphene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
trichloroethylene	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
1,1,2-trichloroethane	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
2,4,6-trichlorophenol	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>
vinyl chloride	µg/L	grab	annually <sup>3</sup>

## V. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger shall conduct chronic toxicity testing on effluent samples collected at Effluent Monitoring Station M-001 in accordance with the following schedule and requirements:

**Table 4. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing**

Test	Unit	Sample	Minimum Test Frequency
Chronic Toxicity	TU <sub>c</sub>	24 hr composite	quarterly

Critical life stage toxicity tests shall be performed to measure chronic toxicity (TU<sub>c</sub>). Testing shall be performed using methods outlined in *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms* (Chapman, G.A., D.L. Denton, and J.M. Lazorchak, 1995) or *Procedures Manual for Conducting Toxicity Tests Developed by the Marine Bioassay Project* (SWRCB, 1996)

A screening period for chronic toxicity shall be conducted every other year for three months, using a minimum of three test species with approved test protocols, from the following list (from the Ocean Plan, 2001). Other tests may be used, if they have been approved for such testing by the State Water Board. The test species shall include a fish, an invertebrate, and an aquatic plant. After the screening period, the most sensitive test species shall be used for the quarterly testing. Repeat screening periods may be terminated after the first month if the most sensitive species is the same as found previously to be most sensitive. Dilution and control water should be obtained from an unaffected area of the receiving waters. The sensitivity of the test organisms to a reference toxicant shall be determined concurrently with each bioassay test and reported with test results.

**Table 5. Approved Tests for Chronic Toxicity**

Species	Test	Tier <sup>1</sup>	Reference <sup>2</sup>
giant kelp, <i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>	percent germination; germ tube length	1	a, c
red abalone, <i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	abnormal shell development	1	a, c
oyster, <i>Crassostrea gigas</i> ; mussels, <i>Mytilus spp.</i>	abnormal shell development; percent survival	1	a, c
urchin, <i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i> ; sand dollar, <i>Dendraster excentricus</i>	percent normal development	1	a, c

Species	Test	Tier <sup>1</sup>	Reference <sup>2</sup>
urchin, <i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i> ; sand dollar, <i>Dendraster excentricus</i>	percent fertilization	1	a, c
shrimp, <i>Homesimysis costata</i>	percent survival; growth	1	a, c
shrimp, <i>Mysidopsis bahia</i>	percent survival; fecundity	2	b, d
topsmelt, <i>Atherinops affinis</i>	larval growth rate; percent survival	1	a, c
Silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i>	larval growth rate; percent survival	2	b, d

<sup>1</sup> First tier methods are preferred for compliance monitoring. If first tier organisms are not available, the Discharger can use a second tier test method following approval by the Regional Water Board.

<sup>2</sup> Protocol References:

- a. Chapman, G.A., D.L. Denton, and J.M. Lazorchak. 1995. Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms. USEPA Report No. EPA/600/R-95/136.
- b. Klemm, D.J., G.E. Morrison, T.J. Norberg-King, W.J. Peltier, and M.A. Heber. 1994. Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Marine and Estuarine Organisms. USEPA Report No. EPA-600-4-91-003.
- c. SWRCB 1996. Procedures Manual for Conducting Toxicity Tests Developed by the Marine Bioassay Project. 96-1WQ.
- d. Weber, C.I., W.B. Horning, I.I., D.J. Klemm, T.W. Nieheisel, P.A. Lewis, E.L. Robinson, J. Menkedick and F. Kessler 9eds). 1998. Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms. EPA/600/4-87/028. National Information Service, Springfield, VA.

If the toxicity testing result shows an exceedance of the chronic toxicity performance goal identified in the performance goals for Outfall 001 (Section IV.B.2 of this Order), the Discharger shall:

- A. Take all reasonable measures necessary to immediately minimize toxicity; and
- B. Increase the frequency of the toxicity test(s) that showed a violation to at least two times per month until the results of at least two consecutive toxicity tests do not show violations.

If the Executive Order determines that toxicity testing shows consistent violation or exceedance of the chronic toxicity performance goal identified in Section IV.B.2 of this Order, the Discharger shall conduct a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) that includes all reasonable steps to identify the source of toxicity. Once the source of toxicity is identified, the Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to reduce the toxicity to meet the toxicity performance goal identified in Section IV.B.2 of this Order.

## **VI. RECEIVING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

The receiving water monitoring program required herein is also required by Regional Water Board Order No. R9-2005-0101, which establishes limitations and conditions for discharges from the City of Escondido's Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility. The Discharger may conduct the required receiving water monitoring together with the City of Escondido, as both entities discharge through the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO).

Receiving water and sediment monitoring in the vicinity of the SEOO shall be conducted as specified below. Station location, sampling, sample preservation and analyses, when not specified, shall be by methods approved by the Executive Officer. The monitoring program may be modified by the Executive Officer at any time.

The receiving water and sediment monitoring program for the SEOO may be conducted jointly with other Dischargers to the SEOO.

During monitoring events, if possible, sample stations shall be located using a land-based microwave positioning system or a satellite positioning system such as GPS. If an alternate navigation system is proposed, its accuracy should be compared to that of microwave and satellite based systems, and any compromises in accuracy shall be justified.

### **A. Surf Zone Water Quality Monitoring**

All surf zone stations shall be monitored as follows:

1. Grab samples shall be collected and analyzed for total and fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria at a minimum frequency of one time per week.<sup>5</sup>
2. At the same time samples are collected from surf zone stations, the following information shall be recorded: observation of wind direction and speed; weather (cloudy, sunny, or rainy); current direction; tidal conditions; and observations of water color, discoloration, oil and grease; turbidity, odor, and materials of sewage origin in the water or on the beach; water temperature (° F); and status of the mouth of the San Elijo Lagoon (open, closed, flow, etc.)

### **B. Near Shore Water Quality Monitoring**

All near shore stations shall be monitored as follows:

1. Reduced Monitoring

If the Executive Officer determines that the effluent at all times complies with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100, only reduced near shore water quality monitoring specified below is required.

**Table 6. Near Shore Water Quality Reduced Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visual Observations	-	-	monthly
Total and Fecal Coliform	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>9</sup>	monthly
Enterococcus <sup>5</sup>	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>9</sup>	monthly

## 2. Intensive Monitoring

The intensive near shore water quality monitoring specified below is required during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, and must be submitted by December 10, 2009. This monitoring data will assist Regional board staff in the evaluation of the Report of Waste Discharge. The intensive near shore water quality monitoring specified below is also required if the Executive Officer determines that the effluent does not at all times comply with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100.

**Table 7. Near Shore Water Quality Intensive Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visual Observations	-	-	monthly
Total and Fecal Coliform	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly
Enterococcus <sup>5</sup>	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly

## C. Off Shore Water Quality Monitoring

All off shore stations shall be monitored as follows:

### 1. Reduced Monitoring

If the Executive Officer determines that the effluent at all times complies with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100, only reduced off shore water quality monitoring specified below is required.

**Table 8. Off Shore Water Quality Reduced Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visual Observations	-	-	monthly
Total and Fecal Coliform	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly
Enterococcus <sup>5</sup>	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly

### 2. Intensive Monitoring

The intensive off shore water quality monitoring specified below is required during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, and must be submitted

by December 10, 2009. This monitoring data will assist Regional board staff in the evaluation of the Report of Waste Discharge. The intensive off shore water quality monitoring specified below is also required if the Executive Officer determines that the effluent does not at all times comply with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100.

**Table 9. Off Shore Water Quality Intensive Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visual Observations	-	-	monthly
Total and Fecal Coliform	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly
Enterococcus <sup>5</sup>	number / 100 ml	grab <sup>11</sup>	monthly
Temperature	° F	grab <sup>12</sup>	monthly
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	grab <sup>12</sup>	monthly
Light Transmittance	percent	instrument <sup>12</sup>	monthly
pH	pH units	grab <sup>9</sup>	monthly

#### D. Benthic Monitoring

The intensive monitoring specified below is required during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, and must be submitted by December 10, 2009. This monitoring data will assist Regional board staff in the evaluation of the Report of Waste Discharge. The sediment monitoring specified below is also required if the Executive Officer determines that the effluent does not at all times comply with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100. Benthic monitoring shall be conducted at all off shore monitoring stations.

1. Sediment Characteristics. Analyses shall be performed on the upper two inches of core.

**Table 10. Sediment Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Sulfides	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Total Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
COD	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Particle Size Distribution	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Arsenic	mg/kg	core	Annually
Cadmium	mg/kg	core	Annually
Total Chromium	mg/kg	core	Annually
Copper	mg/kg	core	Annually
Lead	mg/kg	core	Annually
Mercury	mg/kg	core	Annually
Nickel	mg/kg	core	Annually



Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Silver	mg/kg	core	Annually
Zinc	mg/kg	core	Annually
Cyanide	mg/kg	core	Annually
Phenolic Compounds	mg/kg	core	Annually
Radioactivity	pCi/kg	core	Annually

2. **Infauna.** Samples shall be collected with a Paterson, Smith-McIntyre, or orange-peel type dredge, having an open sampling area of not less than 124 square inches and a sediment capacity of not less than 210 cubic inches. The sediment shall be sifted through a one-millimeter mesh screen and all organisms shall be identified to as low a taxon as possible.

**Table 11. Infauna Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Minimum Frequency
Benthic Biota	Identification and enumeration	3 grabs semi-annually

## E. Additional Biological Monitoring

### Demersal Fish and Macroinvertebrates

The intensive monitoring specified below is required during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, and must be submitted by December 10, 2009. This monitoring data will assist Regional board staff in the evaluation of the Report of Waste Discharge. The biological transect monitoring specified below is also required if the Executive Officer determines that the effluent does not at all times comply with Section IV.B Effluent Limitations and Performance Goals of Order No. R9-2005-0100.

**Table 12. Demersal Fish and Macroinvertebrates Monitoring Requirements**

Determination <sup>13</sup>	Units	Minimum Frequency
Biological Transects	Identification and enumeration	Annually

In rocky or cobble areas, a 30-meter band transect, one meter wide, shall be established on the ocean bottom. Operations at each underwater station shall include: (1) recording of water temperature (may be measured from a boat) and estimated visibility and pelagic macrobiota at each 10-foot depth increment throughout the water column and at the bottom; (2) recording of general bottom description; (3) enumeration by estimate of the larger plants and animals in the band transect area; (4) development of a representative photographic record of the sample area; and (5) within each band, three one-quarter meter square areas shall be randomly selected, and all macroscopic plant and animal life shall be identified within each square to as low a taxon as possible, and measured.



For each epifauna and infauna, size frequency and distribution shall be shown for at least the three numerically largest populations identified to the lowest possible taxon and appropriate graphs showing the relationship between species frequency and population shall be plotted from each sample.

#### **F. Solids Monitoring**

The Discharger shall report, annually, the volume of screenings, sludges, grit, and other solids generated and/or removed during wastewater treatment and the locations where these waste materials are placed for disposal. Copies of all annual reports required by 40 CFR 503 shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board at the same time they are submitted to the USEPA.

### **REGIONAL MONITORING**

#### **G. Kelp Bed Monitoring**

The Discharger shall participate with other ocean Dischargers in the San Diego Region in an annual regional kelp bed photographic survey. Kelp beds shall be monitored annually by means of vertical aerial infrared photography to determine the maximum aerial extent of the region's coastal kelp beds within the calendar year. Surveys shall be conducted as close as possible to the time when kelp bed canopies cover the greatest area. The entire San Diego Region coastline, from the international boundary to the San Diego Region / Santa Ana Region boundary, shall be photographed on the same day.

The images produced by the surveys shall be presented in the form of a 1:24,000 scale photo-mosaic of the entire San Diego Region coastline. Onshore reference points, locations of all ocean outfalls and diffusers, and the 30-foot (MLLW) and 60 foot (MLLW) depth contours shall be shown

The areal extent of the various kelp beds photographed in each survey shall be compared to that noted in surveys of previous years. Any significant losses, which persist for more than one year, shall be investigated by divers to determine the probable reason for the loss.

#### **H. Intensive Monitoring**

The Discharger shall perform the intensive monitoring as described by this MRP in conjunction with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Bight Study.

The Discharger shall participate and coordinate with state and local agencies and other Dischargers in the San Diego Region in development of a regional monitoring program (Bight Study) for the Pacific Ocean as directed by this Regional Water Board. The intent of the Bight Study is to maximize the efforts of all monitoring partners using a more cost-effective monitoring design and to best utilize the pooled resources of the region.

## **VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. General Monitoring and Reporting Requirements**

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions (Attachment D) related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
2. The Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the specified information is readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner as to clearly illustrate whether the facility is operating in compliance with waste discharge requirements.
3. The Discharger shall report with each sample result the applicable Minimum Level (ML) and the laboratory current Method Detection Limit (MDL) as determined by the procedure in 40 CFR 136.
4. The Discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under (Attachment E) E.III, E.V, and E.VI of Order No. R9-2005-0100 at the time monitoring reports are submitted.
5. Each year the Discharger shall submit an annual report to the Regional Water Board and USEPA Region 9 that contains tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year. The Discharger shall discuss the compliance record and corrective actions taken, or which may be taken, or which may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the requirements of Order No. R9-2005-0100 and this MRP.
6. Laboratory method detection limits (MDLs), practical quantitation limits (PQLs), and minimum Levels (MLs) shall be identified for each constituent in the matrix being analyzed with all reported analytical data. Acceptance of data shall be based on demonstrated laboratory performance.
7. The Discharger shall attach a cover letter to the Discharge Monitoring Report. The information contained in the cover letter shall clearly identify violations of the WDRs, discuss corrective actions taken or planned and the proposed time schedule of corrective actions. Identified violations should include a description of the requirement that was violated and a description of the violation.

### **B. Self Monitoring Reports (SMRs)**

1. At any time during the term of this permit, the State or Regional Water Board may notify the Discharger to electronically submit self-monitoring reports. Until such notification is given, the Discharger shall submit self-monitoring reports in accordance with the requirements described below.
2. The Discharger shall submit monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual Self Monitoring Reports including the results of all required monitoring using USEPA-approved test methods

or other test methods specified in this Order. Monthly reports shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the second month following the end of each calendar month; Quarterly reports shall be due on May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1 following each calendar quarter; Semi-annual reports shall be due on August 1 and March 1 following each semi-annual period; Annual reports shall be due on March 1 following each calendar year.

3. Monitoring reports shall be submitted at intervals and in a manner specified in Order No. R9-2005-0100 and in this MRP. Unless otherwise specified, monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board and to the USEPA Region 9 according to the following schedule:

**Table 13. Reporting Schedule**

Monitoring Frequency	Reporting Period	Report Due
Continuous <sup>14</sup> , Daily, Weekly, or Monthly	All	By the first day of the second month after the month of sampling
Quarterly	Jan – March April – June July – September Oct - Dec	May 1 August 1 Nov 1 February 1
Semiannually	Jan – June July - Dec	August 1 March 1
Annually	Jan – Dec	March 1

#### 4. Minimum Levels

For each numeric effluent limitation identified in Table B of the California Ocean Plan (2001), the Discharger shall select one or more Minimum Levels (ML) and their associated analytical methods from Appendix II of the 2001 Ocean Plan. For constituents listed in Appendix II, the Discharger shall submit an appropriate ML (and its associated analytical method) for determining compliance with the effluent limitation for that constituent. All MLs must be approved by the Regional Water Board and/or the State Water Board. The “reported” ML is the ML (and its associated analytical method) chosen by the Discharger for reporting and compliance determination from Appendix II. ML’s chosen by the Discharger must be approved by the Executive Officer.

##### a. Selection of Minimum Levels from Appendix II

The Discharger must select from all MLs from Appendix II that are below the effluent limitation. If the effluent limitation is lower than all the MLs in Appendix II, then the Discharger must select the lowest ML.

##### b. Use of Minimum Levels

- 1) MLs, as defined in Appendix II of the Ocean Plan (2001), represent the lowest quantifiable concentration in a sample based on the proper application of method-specific analytical procedures and the absence of matrix interferences. MLs also

represent the lowest standard concentration in the calibration curve for a specific analytical technique after the application of appropriate method-specific factors.

Common analytical practices may require different treatment of the sample relative to the calibration standard. Some examples of these practices are given in Chapter III.C.5.a of the Ocean Plan.

- 2) Other factors may be applied to the ML depending on the specific sample preparation steps employed. For example, the treatment typically applied when there are matrix effects is to dilute the sample or sample aliquot by a factor of ten. In such cases, this additional factor must be applied during the computation of the reporting limit. Application of such factors will alter the reported ML.
- 3) The Discharger shall instruct its laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML (or its equivalent if there is differential treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time is the Discharger to use analytical data derived from *extrapolation* beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve. In accordance with the Ocean Plan, the Discharger's laboratory may employ a calibration standard lower than the ML in Appendix II.

c. Reporting

For those constituents identified in Table B of the Ocean Plan (2001), the Discharger shall report with each sample result the applicable ML, the analytical method used, and the current Method Detection Limit (MDL). For reporting and compliance determinations for toxic pollutants (those identified in Table B of the Ocean Plan, 2001) the Discharger shall use analytical methods identified in Appendix II of the Ocean Plan or as approved by the Regional Water Board or the State Water Board.

5. The Discharger shall arrange all reported data in a tabular format. The data shall be summarized to clearly illustrate whether the Facility is operating in compliance with interim and/or final effluent limitations.
6. The Discharger shall attach a cover letter to the SMR. The information contained in the cover letter shall clearly identify violations of the WDRs; discuss corrective actions taken or planned; and the proposed time schedule for corrective actions. Identified violations must include a description of the requirement that was violated and a description of the violation.
7. SMRs must be submitted to the Regional Water Board, signed and certified as required by the Standard Provisions (Attachment D), to the address listed below:

Submit monitoring reports to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

With a copy sent to:

Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9, Attn: 65/MR, W-3  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

### **C. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)**

1. As described in Section VII.B.1 above, at any time during the term of this permit, the State or Regional Water Board may notify the Discharger to electronically submit self-monitoring reports. Until such notification is given, the Discharger shall submit discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) in accordance with the requirements described below.
2. DMRs must be signed and certified as required by the Standard Provisions (Attachment D). The Discharge shall submit the original DMR and one copy of the DMR to the address listed below:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Discharge Monitoring Report Processing Center  
Post Office Box 671  
Sacramento, CA 95812

3. All discharge monitoring results must be reported on the official USEPA pre-printed DMR forms (EPA Form 3320-1). Forms that are self-generated or modified cannot be accepted.

## ENDNOTES

1. For samples, which are to be physically composited prior to analyses, or for the results of analyses that are to be arithmetically composited, the basis for compositing shall be the rate of discharge to the ocean, not the rate of inflow to the plant.
2. Five days per week except seven days per week for at least one week during July or August of each year.
3. The minimum frequency of monitoring for this constituent is automatically increased to twice the minimum frequency specified, if any analysis for this constituent yields a result higher than the effluent limit specified in Order No. R9-2005-0100 for this constituent. The increased minimum frequency of monitoring shall remain in effect until the results of a minimum of four consecutive analyses for this constituent are below all effluent limits specified in Order No. R9-2005-0100 for this constituent.
4. The minimum frequency of monitoring for this constituent is automatically reduced to annually if the results of twelve consecutive analyses, representing each month of the year, or the results of twenty four consecutive analyses, representing each quarter of the year, are below the Ocean Plan 6-month median water quality objective for this constituent, or below the Minimum Level for this constituent in the matrix being analyzed, whichever is higher.
5. As required by implementation procedures at section III. D of the Ocean Plan (2001), measurement of enterococcus density shall be conducted at all stations where measurement of total and fecal coliform bacteria is required. When a shore station consistently exceeds a coliform objective or exceeds a geometric mean enterococcus density of 24 organisms per 100 mL for a 30-day period or 12 organisms per 100 mL for a 6-month period, the Regional Water Board must require that a survey be conducted to determine if the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility is the source of the contamination. The Discharger shall conduct such a sanitary survey, if so directed by the Regional Water Board.
6. The discharger may, at its option, monitor for total chromium. If the measured total chromium concentration exceeds the hexavalent chromium limitation, it will be assumed that the hexavalent chromium limitation was exceeded unless the results of a hexavalent chromium analysis of a replicate sample indicate otherwise. When analyzing for hexavalent chromium, the appropriate sampling and analytical method must be used (i.e., 24-hour composite, cooled to 4° C and analyzed within 24 hours).
7. Monitoring of total chlorine residual is not required on days when none of the treatment units that are subject to Order No. R9-2005-0100 use chlorine for disinfection. If only one sample is collected for total chlorine residual analysis, on a particular day, that sample must be collected at the time when the concentration of total chlorine residual in the discharge would be expected to be greatest. The times of chlorine discharges on the days that samples are collected, and the time at which samples are collected, shall be reported.
8. USEPA method 8280 shall be used to analyze for TCDD equivalents.

9. At the surface.
10. If the Discharger demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer, by means of daily analyses, that the concentrations of total and fecal coliform bacteria in the effluent are consistently less than 1,000 per mL, enterococcus monitoring may be suspended. The Discharger shall conduct the monitoring as specified unless the Executive Officer provides written authorization to suspend it. If this monitoring is suspended, the Discharger shall resume it at the request of the Executive Officer.
11. At surface and mid-depth.
12. At surface, mid-depth, and bottom.
13. Sampling techniques will follow those employed by biologist divers of the California State Department of Fish and Game. In sandy areas, a 30-meter band transect, one meter wide, shall be established on the ocean bottom. Operations at each underwater station shall include: (1) recording of water temperature (may be measured from a boat), and estimated visibility and pelagic macrobiota at each 10-foot depth increment throughout the water column and at the bottom; (2) recording of general bottom description; (3) recording of height, period, and crest direction of ripple marks; (4) recording of amount, description, and location of detritus on bottom; (5) creation of a representative photographic record of the area sampled; and (6) within each band, three cores of at least 42.5 cm<sup>2</sup> in area shall be randomly taken to a depth of 15 cm where possible, (the three cores may be taken from a boat) and the material removed sifted through at least a 1 mm mesh screen, and all organisms identified to as low a taxon as possible, enumerated, measured, and reproductive conditions assessed where feasible.
14. Report the total daily effluent flow and the monthly average effluent flow.

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## ATTACHMENT F – FACT SHEET

As described in Section II of this Order, this Fact Sheet includes the legal requirements and technical rationale that serve as the basis for the requirements of this Order.

### I. PERMIT INFORMATION

The following table summarizes administrative information related to the Facility.

**Table 1. Facility Information**

<b>WDID</b>	<b>9 000000125</b>
<b>Discharger</b>	<b>San Elijo Joint Powers Authority</b>
<b>Name of Facility</b>	<b>San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility</b>
<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>2695 Manchester Avenue Cardiff, CA 92007 San Diego County</b>
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<b>Billing Address</b>	<b>2695 Manchester Avenue Cardiff, CA 92007 San Diego County</b>
<b>Type of Facility</b>	<b>Municipal POTW</b>
<b>Major or Minor Facility</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>Threat to Water Quality</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Complexity</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Pretreatment Program</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Reclamation Requirements</b>	<b>Producer and Distributor (regulated under separate WDRs)</b>
<b>Facility Permitted Flow</b>	<b>5.25 MGD</b>
<b>Facility Design Flow</b>	<b>5.25 MGD</b>
<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Pacific Ocean</b>
<b>Receiving Water</b>	<b>Pacific Ocean</b>
<b>Receiving Water Type</b>	<b>Ocean</b>

- A. The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility (hereinafter Facility) a municipal POTW.
- B. The Facility discharges effluent to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States, and is currently regulated by Order No. 99-71, which was adopted on November 10, 1999 and expired on November 10, 2004. The terms and conditions of the current Order have been automatically

continued and remain in effect until new Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

- C. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge and submitted an application for renewal of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit on May 7, 2004. Supplemental Information was requested on October 19, 2004 and received on October 27, 2004. The Application/Report of Waste Discharge was deemed complete by the Regional Water Board on October 28, 2004.

## II. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

### A. Description of Wastewater and Biosolids Treatment or Controls

The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority owns and operates the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility, a municipal POTW located at 2695 Manchester Avenue in the Cardiff by the Sea area of Encinitas, California. Order No. R9-2005-0100 establishes discharge prohibitions, limitations, and conditions to regulate discharges from the Facility to the Pacific Ocean; these discharges were regulated by Order No. 99-71 (NPDES Permit No. CA0107999) that expired on November 10, 2004 and administratively extended until the adoption of this Order.

The Facility serves a population of approximately 35,000, treating primarily residential and commercial wastewater generated in the City of Solana Beach, the Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District, and the Cardiff Sanitation District. There are no significant industrial contributors to the collection system. The secondary treatment capacity of the Facility is 5.25 MGD. During the period 2000 – 2003, the Facility treated the following influent flows.

**Table 2. Influent Flows**

Annual Average Daily Flow	Maximum Daily Flow
3.0 MGD	3.73 MGD

Extreme rain events were experienced in early 2005. Monthly influent flow averages for January and February 2005 were reported at 3.66 MGD and 3.60 MGD, respectively.

Secondary treatment at the Facility is accomplished with screening and aerated grit removal, primary sedimentation, and activated sludge treatment followed by secondary clarification. Secondary treated effluent is either discharged to the SEOO or receives tertiary treatment for reuse applications in the Facility's service area. Up to 2.48 MGD of the flow through the Facility can receive tertiary treatment. The tertiary treatment portion of the Facility is designed to comply with the State of California Department of Health Service's criteria for "disinfected tertiary recycled water". Tertiary treatment consists of coagulation, flocculation, filtration, and disinfection by sodium hypochlorite. Tertiary treatment is covered under separate waste discharge requirements.

At the time of adoption, screenings from the headworks and solids from grit removal are collected on-site and trucked to a local landfill. Sludge is anaerobically digested and

mechanically dewatered using belt filter presses. Dewatered sludge is then trucked to Yuma, Arizona where it is land applied by Ag Tech, LLC (2485 East County 19th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365).

## B. Discharge Points and Receiving Waters

Secondary treated wastewater from the Facility is pumped through Outfall 001, beneath the San Elijo Lagoon to the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO). The SEOO begins at a point approximately 2,200 feet south of the mouth of the San Elijo Lagoon, where treated wastewater from the Facility merges with treated wastewater from the City of Escondido's Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility, which leases 79 percent of SEOO 25.5 MGD capacity (20.1 MGD) from the Discharger. The SEOO extends into the Pacific Ocean, where the inshore end of a diffuser is located approximately 6,800 feet offshore at a depth of approximately 110 feet. The diffuser, which is collinear with the outfall, is approximately 1,200 in length and extends to a depth of approximately 148 feet. The terminus of the diffuser (discharge point) is located at latitude 33° 00' 21" north and longitude 117° 18' 9" west.

## C. Summary of Existing Requirements and Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) Data

Effluent limitations contained in Order 99-71 for discharges from the Facility and representative monitoring data obtained at Monitoring Location M-001 for years 1999 through 2003 are as follows:

**Table 3. Historic Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Data**

Parameter (units)	Effluent Limitation			Monitoring Data (From 1999 To 2003)	
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Instantaneous Max	Mean Discharge	Maximum Discharge
CBOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	25	40	45	12	28
(lbs/day)	1,100	1,800	2,000	230	880
TSS (mg/L)	30	45	50	16	40
(lbs/day)	1,300	2,000	2,200	310	1,250
O&G (mg/L)	25	40	75	1.7	12
(lbs/day)	1,100	1,800	3,300	34	370
Settleable Solids (mL/L)	1.0	1.5	3.0	0.2	1.8
Turbidity (NTU)	75	100	225	5.1	10
pH (pH units)	6.0 to 9.0			7.4	8.0

Order No. 99-71 also requires that the 30-day average removals of CBOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS through the Facility be 85 percent or greater; and it establishes concentration and mass based effluent limitations for 77 toxic pollutants, based on water quality objectives presented in the Ocean Plan (1997).

Order No. 99-71 established effluent limitations for toxic pollutants based on water quality objectives of the Ocean Plan (1997) and required monitoring at the following intervals:

**Table 4. Toxic Pollutant Monitoring**

Toxic Pollutant from Table B of the Ocean Plan (1997)	Monitoring Frequency
Total Residual Chlorine	Daily
Metals, Cyanide, Chlorinated and Non-Chlorinated Phenolics, Endosulfan, Endrin, HCH, Radioactivity	Semiannually
All other Table B pollutants from the Ocean Plan (1997)	Annually

Monitoring of toxic pollutants for the period 2000 through 2003 showed the following results:

1. During this 4-year period, no effluent limitation for toxic pollutants from Table B of the Ocean Plan was exceeded.
2. Analytical results reported by the Discharger indicate that the method detection limits used for analyses of the following pollutants were, at times, greater than the corresponding effluent limitation and/or the Minimum Level established by the Ocean Plan (2001): acrylonitrile, aldrin, benzidine, chlordane, 3,3-dichlorobenzidine, dieldrin, hexachlorobenzene, PCBd, and toxaphene.

#### **D. Compliance Summary**

As described above, with limited exceptions from 2000 - 2003, the Discharger has consistently complied with the effluent limitations of Order No. 99-71. Non-compliance resulting in monetary penalties is described as follows:

The Discharger was issued an Administrative Civil Liability containing a \$3,000 Mandatory Minimum Penalty on June 10, 2004 for one violation of the total suspended solids effluent limitation contained in Order No. 99-71. The violation occurred on January 19, 2000 and is considered a serious violation requiring a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 pursuant to Water Code section 13385(h).

The Discharger was issued an Administrative Civil Liability containing a \$6,000 Mandatory Minimum Penalty on October 13, 2000 for two violations of Order No. 99-71: the total suspended solids effluent limitation was exceeded on August 22, 2000 and the settleable solids effluent limitation was exceeded on August 23, 2000. The violations are considered serious violations requiring a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 each pursuant to Water Code sections 13385(h) and 13385(i).

#### **E. Planned Changes**

The Discharger has identified the following projects to be addressed by its capital improvement program in upcoming years:

1. Improvements to grit removal and screening processes, coating of the return activated sludge channel, and modifications to the secondary aeration basins.

2. Study and design of additional recycled water storage.
3. Improvements to the effluent pump station.
4. Ocean outfall improvements.
5. Rehab of the biosolids building and dissolved air flotation equipment

These projects will not impact treatment capacity and may improve treatment effectiveness.

### **III. APPLICABLE PLANS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS**

The requirements contained in the proposed Order are based on the requirements and authorities described in this section.

#### **A. Legal Authorities**

This Order is issued pursuant to section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Chapter 5.5, Division 7 of the California Water Code (CWC). It shall serve as a NPDES permit for point source discharges from this Facility to the Pacific Ocean at Outfall 001. This Order also contains discharge prohibitions, effluent limitations, discharge specifications, provisions, and other requirements pursuant to the CWC.

#### **B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

This action to adopt an NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21100, et seq.) in accordance with Section 13389 of the CWC.

#### **C. State and Federal Regulations, Policies, and Plans**

1. **Water Quality Control Plans.** The Regional Water Board adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (hereinafter Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on December 13, 1994. Subsequent revisions to the Basin Plan have also been adopted by the Regional Water Board and approved by the State Water Board. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. Beneficial uses applicable to the Pacific Ocean are as follows:

**Table 5. Basin Plan Beneficial Uses of the Pacific Ocean**

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use
Outfall 001	Pacific Ocean	Industrial Service Supply (IND); Navigation (NAV); Contact Water Recreation (REC-1); Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC-2); Commercial and Sport Fishing (COMM); Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL); Wildlife Habitat (WILD); Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE); Marine Habitat (MAR); Aquaculture (AQUA); Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIRG); Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN); Shellfish Harvesting (SHELL)

The Basin Plan relies primarily on the requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan) for protection of the beneficial uses of the State ocean waters. The Basin Plan, however, may contain additional water quality objectives applicable to the Discharger.

On November 16, 2000 the State Water Board adopted a revised Ocean Plan. The revised Ocean Plan became effective on December 3, 2001. The Ocean Plan contains water quality objectives and beneficial uses for the ocean waters of California. The beneficial uses of State ocean waters to be protected are summarized below:

**Table 6. Ocean Plan Beneficial Uses of the Pacific Ocean.**

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use
Outfall 001	Pacific Ocean	Industrial Water Supply; Water Contact and Non-Contact Recreation, Including Aesthetic Enjoyment; Navigation; Commercial and Sport Fishing; Mariculture; Preservation and Enhancement of Designated Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS); Rare and Endangered Species; Marine Habitat; Fish Migration; Fish Spawning and Shellfish Harvesting

In order to protect these beneficial uses, the Ocean Plan establishes water quality objectives (for bacterial, physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, and for radioactivity), general requirements for management of waste discharged to the ocean, quality requirements for waste discharges (effluent quality requirements), discharge prohibitions, and general provisions.

The State Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Thermal Plan) on May 18, 1972, and amended it on September 18, 1975. The Thermal plan contains temperature objectives for coastal waters.

Requirements of this Order specifically implement the applicable Water Quality Control Plans.

2. **Antidegradation Policy.** 40 CFR 131.12 requires that State water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board

established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16, which incorporates the requirements of the federal antidegradation policy. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing water quality is maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. As discussed in detail in this Fact Sheet, the permitted discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provision of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16.

3. **Anti-Backsliding Requirements.** Sections 402(o)(2) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and 40 CFR 122.44(l) prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require effluent limitations in a reissued permit to be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions where limitations may be relaxed. Some effluent limitations in this Order are less stringent than those in the previous Order or have been removed. As discussed in this Fact Sheet, relaxation or removal of effluent limitations is consistent with the anti-backsliding requirements of the CWA and federal regulations.
4. **Monitoring and Reporting Requirements.** 40 CFR 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results. Sections 13267 and 13383 of the CWC authorize the Regional Water Boards to require technical and monitoring reports. The Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to implement federal and State requirements.
5. **Alaska Rule.** On March 30, 2000, USEPA revised its regulation that specifies when new and revised State and Tribal water quality standards (WQS) become effective for Clean Water Act (CWA) purposes (40 CFR 131.21, 65 FR 24641, April 27, 2000). Under USEPA's new regulation (also known as the Alaska rule), new and revised standards submitted to USEPA after May 30, 2000, must be approved before being used for CWA purposes. The final rule also provides that standards already in effect and submitted to USEPA by May 30, 2000, may be used for CWA purposes, whether or not approved by USEPA.
6. **No More Stringent Than Federal Law.** This Order contains restrictions on individual pollutants that are no more stringent than required by the federal Clean Water Act. Individual pollutant restrictions consist of technology-based restrictions and water quality-based effluent limitations. The technology-based effluent limitations consist of restrictions on carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), and hydrogen ion concentration (pH). Restrictions on CBOD<sub>5</sub>, TSS, and pH are specified in federal regulations as discussed in Finding F, and the Order's technology-based pollutant restrictions are no more stringent than required by the Clean Water Act. Water quality-based effluent limitations have been derived to implement water quality objectives that protect beneficial uses. Both the beneficial uses and the water quality objectives have been approved pursuant to federal law and are the applicable federal water quality standards. To the extent that toxic pollutant water quality-based effluent limitations were derived from the Ocean Plan (2001), the Ocean Plan is the applicable standard pursuant to CWA Section 303(c)(1). The scientific procedures for calculating the individual water quality-based effluent limitations are based on the Program of Implementation contained in the California Ocean Plan, which was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on November 16, 2000 and



approved by USEPA on December 3, 2001. Most beneficial uses and water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan were approved under state law and submitted to and approved by USEPA prior to May 30, 2000. Any water quality objectives and beneficial uses submitted to USEPA prior to May 30, 2000, but not approved by USEPA before that date, are nonetheless "applicable water quality standards for purposes of the [Clean Water] Act" pursuant to 40 CFR 131.21(c)(1). The remaining water quality objectives and beneficial uses implemented by this Order (specifically temperature) were adopted in the *Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Thermal Plan) on May 18, 1972 and amended on September 18, 1975 and are applicable water quality standards pursuant to 40 CFR 131.21(c)(1). Collectively, this Order's restrictions on individual pollutants are no more stringent than required to implement the technology-based requirements of the Clean Water Act and the applicable water quality standards for purposes of the Clean Water Act.

#### **D. Impaired Water Bodies on CWA 303(d) List**

On June 5 and July 25, 2003, the USEPA approved the list of impaired water bodies, prepared by the State Water Board pursuant to Section 303 (d) of the CWA, which are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards after implementation of technology-based effluent limitations for point sources. The 303 (d) list includes 0.44 miles of the Pacific Ocean shoreline within the Escondido Creek Hydrologic Area as impaired for bacteria indicators. Impairment has been detected at the San Elijo Lagoon outlet; however, the receiving waters in the vicinity of the Facility's discharge point (Outfall 001) are not included on the current 303 (d) list.

#### **E. Other Plans, Policies and Regulations**

1. **Secondary Treatment Regulations.** 40 CFR 133 establishes the minimum levels of effluent quality to be achieved by secondary treatment. These limitations, established by the USEPA, are incorporated into Order No. R9-2005-0100, except where more stringent limitations are required by other applicable plans, policies, or regulations.
2. **Storm Water.** Sewage treatment works with a design flow of 1.0 MGD or greater are required to comply with Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ (NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001), Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity, Excluding Construction Activities. The Discharger shall file a Notice of Intent within 60 days of adoption of this Order (unless already submitted under the previous Order) and comply with Order No. 97-03-DWQ or the Discharger shall provide certification to the Regional Water Board that all storm water is captured and treated on-site and no storm water is discharged or allowed to run off-site from the Facility.
3. **Pretreatment.** Discharges of pollutants that may interfere with operations of a POTW are regulated by USEPA's pretreatment regulations at 40 CFR 403. These regulations require Dischargers to develop and implement pretreatment programs that impose limitations on industrial users of the POTW.

#### **IV. RATIONALE FOR EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS**

The CWA requires point source discharges to control the amount of conventional, non-conventional, and toxic pollutants that are discharged into the waters of the United States. The control of pollutants discharged is established through effluent limitations; and other requirements in NPDES permits. There are two principal bases for effluent limitations: 40 CFR 122.44(a) requires that permits include applicable technology-based limitations and standards; and 40 CFR 122.44(d) requires that permits include water quality-based effluent limitations to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality objective to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water. Where numeric water quality objectives have not been established, three options exist to protect water quality: 1) 40 CFR 122.44(d) specifies that WQBELs may be established using USEPA criteria guidance under CWA section 304(a); 2) proposed State criteria or a State policy interpreting narrative objective supplemented with other relevant information may be used; or 3) an indicator parameter may be established.

##### **A. Discharge Prohibitions**

Prohibition A.1 of Order No. 99-71 has been modified to clearly define what types of discharges are prohibited by this Order. The modified prohibition is contained in Section III.A of this Order. In addition, language has been added in Section VII, Compliance Determination, which accurately describes how violations of Prohibition III.A and the other discharge prohibitions contained in Order No. R9-2005-0100 are determined. Discharges from the Facility to surface water in violation of prohibitions contained in Order No. R9-2005-0100 are violations of the Clean Water Act and therefore are subject to third party lawsuits. Discharges from the Facility to land in violation of prohibitions contained in Order No. R9-2005-0100 are violations of the California Water Code and are not subject to third party lawsuits under the Clean Water Act (the California Water Code does not contain provisions allowing third party lawsuits). This clarification is intended to address concerns raised by Dischargers regarding third party lawsuits.

##### **B. Technology-Based Effluent Limitations**

###### **1. Scope and Authority**

USEPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 122.44(a)(1) require permits to include technology-based effluent limitations and standards based on limitations and standards promulgated by the USEPA authorized under Section 301 of the CWA. USEPA promulgated technology-based effluent limitations and standards for POTWs as secondary treatment regulations at 40 CFR Part 133.

###### **2. Applicable Technology-Based Effluent Limitations**

Pursuant to Sections 301 (b) (1) (B) and 304 (d) (1) of the CWA, USEPA has established standards of performance for secondary treatment at 40 CFR Part 133. Secondary treatment is defined in terms of three parameters – 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), and pH. The following table summarizes the technology-based requirements for secondary treatment, which are applicable to the Facility:

**Table 7. Summary of Technology-Based Effluent Limitations for Secondary Treatment Facilities Established by USEPA at 40 CFR 133.102**

Constituent	Monthly Avg	Weekly Avg	Percent Removal
BOD <sub>5</sub>	30 mg/L	45 mg/L	85
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	25 mg/L	40 mg/L	85
TSS	30 mg/L	45 mg/L	85
pH	6.0 to 9.0		

The parameters BOD<sub>5</sub>, TSS, and pH must be included in NPDES permits for POTWs; however, the parameter CBOD<sub>5</sub> (5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand) may be substituted for BOD<sub>5</sub> at the option of the permitting authority. Following a request by the Discharger by letter dated June 4, 1993, limitations for CBOD<sub>5</sub> were incorporated into the Facility's discharge permit in lieu of BOD<sub>5</sub> limitations.

Table A of the Ocean Plan (2001) also establishes the following technology-based effluent limitations for publicly owned treatment works:

**Table 8. Summary of Technology-Based Effluent Limitations for POTWs Established by the Ocean Plan (2001)**

Constituent	Monthly Avg	Weekly Avg	Instantaneous Max	Percent Removal
O&G	25 mg/L	40 mg/L	75 mg/L	
TSS				75 *
Settleable Solids	1.0 mL/L	1.5 mL/L	3.0 mL/L	
Turbidity	75	100	225	
pH	6.0 to 9.0			

\* Dischargers shall, as a monthly average, remove 75% of TSS from the influent stream before discharging to the ocean, except that the effluent limitation to be met shall not be lower than 60 mg/L

All technology-based effluent limitations from Order No. 99-71 for CBOD<sub>5</sub>, total suspended solids, settleable solids, oil and grease, turbidity, and pH are retained by Order No. R9-2005-0100 with four exceptions. Limitations for CBOD<sub>5</sub>, total suspended solids, and pH are based on secondary treatment standards established by the US EPA at 40 CFR 133. Limitations for settleable solids, oil and grease, and turbidity are based on requirements contained in the 2001 Ocean Plan. Order No. R9-2005-0100 does not retain the maximum at anytime concentration and mass emission rate limitations for CBOD<sub>5</sub> and total suspended solids contained in Order No. 99-71 and previous permits for the Facility which were established using best professional judgment. Recent attempts to derive maximum at anytime limitations based on the secondary treatment standards at 40 CFR 133 using appropriate statistical approaches did not yield similar results as the previous maximum at anytime limitations; therefore, based on this new information, retaining the previous maximum at anytime limitations in Order No. R9-2005-0100 is not supported.

## C. Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs)

### 1. Scope and Authority

USEPA regulations at 40 CFR 122.44 (d) (1) (i) require permits to include WQBELs for pollutants (including toxicity) that are or may be discharged at levels, which cause, have reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an excursion above any state water quality standard. The establishment of WQBELs in this Order, based on water quality objectives contained in the Ocean Plan (2001), is in accordance with the USEPA regulations.

## 2. Applicable Beneficial Uses and Water Quality Objectives

### a. Basin Plan

For all ocean waters of the State, the Basin Plan and its subsequent revisions establish the beneficial uses described previously in this Fact Sheet. The Basin Plan includes the following water quality objectives for dissolved oxygen and pH in ocean waters, which have been incorporated into Order R9-2005-0100:

- 1) Dissolved Oxygen. The dissolved oxygen concentration in ocean waters shall not at any time be depressed more than 10 percent from that which occurs naturally, as a result of the discharge of oxygen demanding waste materials.
- 2) pH. The pH of receiving waters shall not be changed at any time more than 0.2 pH units from that which occurs naturally

### b. Ocean Plan

Order No. R9-2005-0100 has been written using the guidance of the Ocean Plan, which was most recently updated in 2001, during the term of Order No. 99-71.

For all ocean waters of the State, the Ocean Plan (2001) establishes the beneficial uses described previously in this Fact Sheet. The Ocean Plan also includes water quality objectives for bacterial characteristics, physical characteristics, chemical characteristics, biological characteristics, and radioactivity. These water quality objectives from the Ocean Plan were included as receiving water limitations in Order No. 99-71 and are retained directly as receiving water limitations in Order No. R9-2005-0100.

Table B of the Ocean Plan includes the following water quality objectives for toxic pollutants:

- 1) 6-month median, daily maximum, and instantaneous maximum objectives for 21 chemicals and chemical characteristics, including total residual chlorine and chronic toxicity, for the protection of marine aquatic life.
- 2) 30-day average objectives for 20 non-carcinogenic chemicals for the protection of human health.

- 3) 30-day average objectives for 42 carcinogenic chemicals for the protection of human health.

### 3. Expression of WQBELS

NPDES regulations at 40 CFR 122.45(d) require that all permit limits for POTWs be expressed, unless impracticable, as both average monthly and average weekly effluent limits (AMEL and AWEL). The WQBELS contained in this Order are based on water quality objectives contained in the California Ocean Plan that are expressed as six-month median, maximum daily, and instantaneous maximum water quality objectives. The USEPA's Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control (TSD; EPA/505/2-90-001, 1991) provides supporting rationale for shorter term effluent limitations such as maximum daily and instantaneous maximum WQBELS. In the TSD, USEPA recommends the use of maximum daily effluent limitations in lieu of AWELs for two reasons: 1) the AWEL is based on secondary treatment standards for POTWs and is not related to assuring achievement of water quality standards, and 2) weekly averages could average out peak toxic concentrations and therefore the effluent's potential for causing acute toxic effects would be missed. The TSD states that a maximum daily limitation would be toxicologically protective of potential acute toxicity impacts. In the MRP for this Order, the effluent is required to be monitored for toxic constituents and parameters using a 24-hour composite sample or a grab sample, but not both. As explained in Section VII of this Order, Compliance Determination, compliance with maximum daily limitations is determined only with composite samples while compliance with instantaneous maximum limitations is determined only with grab samples.

### 4. Determining the Need for WQBELS

Order No. 99-71 contains effluent limitations for non-conventional and toxic pollutant parameters in Table B of the Ocean Plan. For Order No. R9-2005-0100, the need for effluent limitations based on water quality objectives in Table B of the Ocean plan was re-evaluated in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d) and guidance for statistically determining the "reasonable potential" for a discharged pollutant to exceed an objective, as outlined in the revised *Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control* (TSD; EPA/505/2-90-001, 1991) and the proposed Ocean Plan Reasonable Potential Analysis Amendment (March 22, 2005). The statistical approach combines knowledge of effluent variability (as estimated by a coefficient of variation) with the uncertainty due to a limited number of effluent data to estimate a maximum effluent value at a high level of confidence. This estimated maximum effluent value is based on a lognormal distribution of daily effluent values. Projected receiving water values (based on the estimated maximum effluent value or the reported maximum effluent value and minimum probable initial dilution), can then be compared to the appropriate objective to determine the potential for an exceedance of that objective and the need for an effluent limitation.

Using this statistical procedure, Regional Water Board staff has determined that the following pollutants, when discharged through Outfall 001, do not have reasonable potential to exceed Ocean Plan objectives, and, therefore, do not require effluent limitations: arsenic,

cadmium, chromium (hexavalent), copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, zinc, cyanide, total residual chlorine, chronic toxicity, ammonia (as N), phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated), chlorinated phenolics, endosulfan, endrin, HDH, and radioactivity. Since these constituents have been determined to have no reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to, or deviate from water quality objectives, numerical effluent limitations are not prescribed. Instead, a narrative limit statement to comply with all Ocean Plan objectives requirements is provided. Calculated final effluent concentrations for constituents that do not have reasonable potential derived using the effluent limitation determination procedure described above are referred to in this Order as "performance goals". The Discharger is required to monitor for these constituents as stated in the MRP (Attachment E) to gather data for use in reasonable potential analyses for future permit renewals and/or updates.

Conventional pollutants were not a part of the reasonable potential analysis and have retained their respective effluent limitations from Order No. 99-71. Constituents that did not have enough data to run an RPA have retained their effluent limitations from Order No. 99-71. The MRP for this Order is designed to obtain additional information for these constituents to determine if reasonable potential exists for these constituents in future permit renewals and/or updates.

Effluent data provided in the Discharger's monitoring reports from January 2000 to December 2004 were used in the analyses. A minimum probable initial dilution of 237:1 was considered in this evaluation.

## 5. WQBEL Calculations

From the Table B water quality objectives of the Ocean Plan, effluent limitations are calculated according to the following equation for all pollutants, except for acute toxicity (if applicable) and radioactivity:

$C_e = C_o + D_m (C_o - C_s) \dots$  where,

$C_e$  = the effluent limitation ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )

$C_o$  = the water quality objective to be met at the completion of initial dilution ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )

$C_s$  = background seawater concentration

$D_m$  = minimum probable initial dilution expressed as parts seawater per part wastewater

The  $D_m$  is based on observed waste flow characteristics, receiving water density structure, and the assumption that no currents of sufficient strength to influence the initial dilution process flow across the discharge structure.

Prior to issuance of Order No. 99-71, staff of the State Water Board had determined the minimum probable initial dilution for the SEOO to be 220 to 1. This determination was based on 200 diffuser ports being open and a flowrate of 24 MGD, although, at the time, design treatment capacities of the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility and the San Elijo

Water Reclamation Facility were 16.5 and 5.25 MGD (21.75 MGD, total), respectively. The current design treatment capacities of the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility and the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility are 18.0 and 5.25 MGD (23.25 MGD, total), respectively. To develop effluent limitations for the updated facilities where applicable, the Regional Water Board has recalculated the minimum probable initial dilution factor to be 237 to 1. The revised initial dilution factor was recalculated using the USEPA-approved computer model package Visual Plumes with the UM3 model, which was unavailable at the time Order No. 99-71 was issued.

Initial dilution is the process that results in the rapid and irreversible turbulent mixing of wastewater with ocean water around the point of discharge. For a submerged buoyant discharge, characteristic of most municipal and industrial wastes that are released from the submarine outfalls, the momentum of the discharge and its initial buoyancy act together to produce turbulent mixing. Initial dilution in this case is completed when the diluting wastewater ceases to rise in the water column and first begins to spread horizontally. As site-specific water quality data is not available, in accordance with Table B implementing procedures, Cs equals zero for all pollutants, except the following:

**Table 9. Pollutants Having Background Concentrations**

Pollutant	Background Seawater Concentration
Arsenic	3 µg/L
Copper	2 µg/L
Mercury	0.0005 µg/L
Silver	0.16 µg/L
Zinc	8 µg/L

As examples, WQBELS for copper, chronic toxicity, chloroform, and chlorine are determined as follows:

Water quality objectives from the Ocean Plan are:

**Table 10. Copper, Chronic Toxicity, Chloroform, and Chlorine Ocean Plan Objectives**

Pollutant	6-Month Median	Daily Maximum	Instantaneous Maximum	30 Day Avg
Copper	3 µg/L	12 µg/L	30 µg/L	-
Chronic Toxicity	-	1 TUc	-	-
Chloroform	-	-	-	130 µg/L
Chlorine	2 µg/L	8 µg/L	60 µg/L	-

Using the equation,  $C_e = C_o + D_m (C_o - C_s)$ , effluent limitations are calculated as follows before rounding to two significant digits.

#### Copper

$$C_e = 3 + 237 (3 - 2) = 240 \text{ µg/L (6-Month Median)}$$

$$C_e = 12 + 237 (12 - 2) = 2,382 \text{ µg/L (Daily Maximum)}$$

$$C_e = 30 + 237 (30 - 2) = 6,666 \text{ µg/L (Instantaneous Maximum)}$$

### Chronic Toxicity

$$C_e = 1 + 237 (1 - 0) = 238 \text{ TUc (Daily Maximum)}$$

### Chloroform

$$C_e = 130 + 237 (130 - 0) = 30,940 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L (30-Day Average)}$$

### Chlorine

$$C_e = 2 + 237 (2 - 0) = 476 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L (6-Month Median)}$$

$$C_e = 8 + 237 (8 - 0) = 1,904 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L (Daily Maximum)}$$

$$C_e = 60 + 237 (60 - 0) = 14,280 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L (Instantaneous Maximum)}$$

Based on the implementing procedures described above, effluent limitations have been calculated for all Table B pollutants from the Ocean Plan and incorporated into Order No. R9-2005-0100.

Because of the Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA), many QBELs established by Order No. 99-71 are not retained in Order No. R9-2005-0100. The QBELs that are retained have been changed to reflect the revised dilution factor. Differences between the QBELs as they are required by the current Ocean Plan and how they are expressed in Order No. 99-71 and/or Order No. R9-2005-0100 are described below:

- a. The Ocean Plan (1997) did not include water quality objectives for four toxic pollutants, which are included in the Ocean Plan (2001) – chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, N-nitrosodi-N-propylamine, and heptachlor epoxide; and therefore, effluent limitations for these pollutants were not established by Order No. 99-71. Based on methods of the Ocean Plan (2001) and a design treatment capacity of 5.25 MGD, the following limitations are established by Order No. R9-2005-0100.

**Table 11. New Toxic Pollutants and Corresponding Performance Goals**

Pollutant	Units	Monthly Average
Chlorodibromomethane	$\mu\text{g/L}$	2,000
	lbs/day	90
Dichlorobromomethane	$\mu\text{g/L}$	1,500
	lbs/day	65
N-nitrosodi-N-propylamine	$\mu\text{g/L}$	90
	lbs/day	4.0
Heptachlor epoxide	$\mu\text{g/L}$	0.0048
	lbs/day	0.00021



- b. For eight toxic pollutants, water quality objectives are more stringent in the Ocean Plan (2001) than in the Ocean Plan (1997). The following table contains effluent limitations for these eight pollutants, which are based on methods and water quality objectives of the Ocean Plan (2001) and a design treatment capacity of 5.25 MGD. These limitations are included in Order No. R9-2005-0100.

**Table 12. Toxic Pollutant Limitations Based on the 2001 Ocean Plan**

Pollutant	Units	Monthly Average
1,1-dichloroethylene	µg/L	210
	lbs/day	9.4
Isophorone	µg/L	170,000
	lbs/day	7,600
Tetrachloroethylene	µg/L	480
	lbs/day	21
Thallium	µg/L	480
	lbs/day	22
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	µg/L	550
	lbs/day	24
1,1,2-trichloroethane	µg/L	2,200
	lbs/day	98
1,2-dichloroethane	µg/L	6,700
	lbs/day	290
Heptachlor	µg/L	0.012
	lbs/day	0.00052

#### 6. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)

Implementing provisions at Section III. C of the Ocean Plan (2001) require chronic toxicity monitoring for ocean waste discharges with minimum initial dilution factors ranging from 100 to 1 to 350 to 1. Based on methods of the Ocean Plan (2001), a maximum daily effluent limitation of 238 TUc for chronic toxicity is required.

Analytical results reported by the Discharger indicate compliance with the acute toxicity limitations prescribed by Order No. 99-71 for years 2000 through 2003. Results were in compliance with all Ocean Plan (1997) daily maximum limitations and effluent limitations prescribed by Order No. 99-71. The requirement to monitor acute toxicity, for discharges with minimum initial dilution factors within the range stated above, is left to the discretion of the Regional Water Board. Based on the preceding, acute toxicity is not required to be monitored by Order No. R9-2005-0100.

Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) is a site-specific study conducted in a stepwise process designed to identify the causative agent(s) of effluent toxicity, isolate the sources of toxicity, evaluate the effectiveness of toxicity control options, and then confirm the reduction in effluent toxicity.

## D. Final Effluent Limitations

The following table lists the effluent limitations established by Order No. R9-2005-0100. Effluent limitations were determined according to the standards and equations provided in the Ocean Plan (2001). Where Order No. R9-2005-0100 establishes mass emission limitations, these limitations have been derived based on a flow of 5.25 MGD, which is the design treatment capacity of the Facility, and a minimum probable initial dilution factor of 237:1.

**Table 13. Summary of Final Effluent Limitations**

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
CBOD 5-day 20°C	mg/l		25	40			
	lbs/day		1,100	1,800			
	%	The average monthly percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.					
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l		30	45			
	lbs/day		1,300	2,000			
	%	The average monthly percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.					
pH	Standard units				6.0	9.0	
Oil and Grease	mg/l		25	40		75	
	lbs/day		1,100	1,800		3,300	
Settleable Solids	ml/l		1.0	1.5		3.0	
Turbidity	NTU		75	100		225	
Acrolein	ug/l		52,000				
	lbs/day		2,300				
Antimony	ug/l		290,000				
	lbs/day		13,000				
Bis (2-chloroethoxy) methane	ug/l		1,000				
	lbs/day		46				
Bis (2-chloroisopropyl) ether	ug/l		290,000				
	lbs/day		12,000				
Chlorobenzene	ug/l		140,000				
	lbs/day		5,900				
Chromium (III)	ug/l		45,000,000				
	lbs/day		2,000,000				
Di-n-butyl Phthalate	ug/l		830,000				
	lbs/day		36,000				
Dichlorobenzenes	ug/l		1,200,000				
	lbs/day		53,000				
Diethyl Phthalate	ug/l		7,900,000				
	lbs/day		340,000				
Dimethyl Phthalate	ug/l		200,000,000				
	lbs/day		8,500,000				
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol	ug/l		52,000				
	lbs/day		2,300				
2,4-Dinitrophenol	ug/l		9,500				
	lbs/day		420				
Ethylbenzene	ug/l		980,000				
	lbs/day		43,000				

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					6 Month Median
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		
					Min	Max	
Fluoranthene	ug/l		3,600				
	lbs/day		160				
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	ug/l		14,000				
	lbs/day		600				
Nitrobenzene	ug/l		1,200				
	lbs/day		51				
Thallium	ug/l		480				
	lbs/day		21				
Toluene	ug/l		20,000,000				
	lbs/day		890,000				
Tributyltin	ug/l		0.33				
	lbs/day		0.015				
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ug/l		130,000,000				
	lbs/day		5,600,000				
Acrylonitrile	ug/l		24				
	lbs/day		1.0				
Aldrin	ug/l		0.0052				
	lbs/day		0.00023				
Benzene	ug/l		1,400				
	lbs/day		61				
Benzidine	ug/l		0.016				
	lbs/day		0.00072				
Beryllium	ug/l		7.9				
	lbs/day		0.34				
Bis (2-chloroethyl) ether	ug/l		11				
	lbs/day		0.47				
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	ug/l		830				
	lbs/day		36				
Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/l		210				
	lbs/day		9.4				
Chlordane	ug/l		0.0055				
	lbs/day		0.00024				
Chloroform	ug/l		31,000				
	lbs/day		1,400				
DDT	ug/l		0.040				
	lbs/day		0.00018				
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ug/l		4,300				
	lbs/day		190				
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	ug/l		1.9				
	lbs/day		0.084				
1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/l		6,700				
	lbs/day		290				
1,1-Dichloroethylene	ug/l		210				
	lbs/day		9.4				
Dichloromethane	ug/l		110,000				
	lbs/day		4,700				
1,3-Dichloropropene	ug/l		2,100				
	lbs/day		93				
Dieldrin	ug/l		0.0095				
	lbs/day		0.00042				

Constituent	Units	Effluent Limitations					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	ug/l		620				
	lbs/day		27				
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	ug/l		38				
	lbs/day		1.7				
Halomethanes	ug/l		31,000				
	lbs/day		1,400				
Heptachlor	ug/l		0.012				
	lbs/day		0.00052				
Hexachlorobenzene	ug/l		0.050				
	lbs/day		0.0022				
Hexachlorobutadiene	ug/l		3,300				
	lbs/day		150				
Hexachloroethane	ug/l		600				
	lbs/day		26				
Isophorone	ug/l		170,000				
	lbs/day		7,600				
N-Nitrosodimethylamine	ug/l		1,700				
	lbs/day		76				
N-Nirtosodiphenylamine	ug/l		600				
	lbs/day		26				
PAHs	ug/l		2.1				
	lbs/day		0.092				
PCBs	ug/l		0.0045				
	lbs/day		0.00020				
TCDD Equivalents	ug/l		0.00000093				
	lbs/day		0.000000041				
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ug/l		550				
	lbs/day		24				
Tetrachloroethylene	ug/l		480				
	lbs/day		21				
Toxaphene	ug/l		0.050				
	lbs/day		0.0022				
Trichloroethylene	ug/l		6,400				
	lbs/day		280				
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ug/l		2,200				
	lbs/day		98				
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/l		69				
	lbs/day		3.0				
Vinyl Chloride	ug/l		8,600				
	lbs/day		380				

### E. Performance Goals

Constituents that do not have reasonable potential are listed as performance goals in this Order. The following tables lists the performance goals established by Order No. R9-2005-0100. These constituents shall also be monitored at M-001, but the results will be used for informational purposes only, not compliance determination. Performance goals were determined according to

the standards and equations provided in the Ocean Plan (2001). Mass emissions have been derived based on a flow of 5.25 MGD, which is the design treatment capacity of the Facility, and a minimum probable initial dilution factor of 237:1.

**Table 14. Summary of Performance Goals**

Constituent	Units	Performance Goals					
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous		6 Month Median
					Min	Max	
Arsenic	ug/l	6,900				18,000	1,200
	lbs/day	300				800	52
Cadmium	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Chromium (Hexavalent)	ug/l	1,900				4,800	480
	lbs/day	83				210	21
Copper	ug/l	2,400				6,700	240
	lbs/day	100				290	11
Lead	ug/l	1,900				4,800	480
	lbs/day	83				210	21
Mercury	ug/l	38				95	9.4
	lbs/day	1.7				4.2	0.41
Nickel	ug/l	4,800				12,000	1,200
	lbs/day	210				520	52
Selenium	ug/l	14,000				36,000	3,600
	lbs/day	630				1,600	160
Silver	ug/l	630				1,600	130
	lbs/day	28				71	5.6
Zinc	ug/l	17,000				46,000	2,900
	lbs/day	750				2,000	130
Cyanide	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Total Residual Chlorine	ug/l	1,900				14,000	480
	lbs/day	83				630	21
Chronic Toxicity	TUc	238					
Ammonia (as N)	mg/l	570				1,400	140
	lbs/day	25,000				63,000	6,300
Phenolic Compounds (non-chlorinated)	ug/l	29,000				71,000	7,100
	lbs/day	1,300				3,100	310
Chlorinated Phenolics	ug/l	950				2,400	240
	lbs/day	42				100	10
Chlorodibromomethane	ug/l		2,000				
	lbs/day		90				
Dichlorobromomethane	ug/l		1,500				
	lbs/day		65				
Endosulfan	ug/l	4.3				6.4	2.1
	lbs/day	0.19				0.28	0.094
Endrin	ug/l	0.95				1.4	0.48
	lbs/day	0.042				0.063	0.021
HCH	ug/l	1.9				2.9	0.95
	lbs/day	0.083				0.13	0.042
Heptachlor Epoxide	ug/l		0.0048				
	lbs/day		0.00021				

Constituent	Units	Performance Goals				
		Max Daily	Avg Monthly	Avg Weekly	Instantaneous	
					Min	Max
N-Nitrosodi-N-Propylamine	ug/l		90			
	lbs/day		4.0			
Radioactivity	-	Not to exceed limits specified in Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 30253, Standards for Protection Against Radiation				
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## F. Antidegradation

Waste Discharge Requirements for the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority's discharge through the San Elijo Ocean Outfall must conform with federal and state antidegradation policies provided at 40 CFR 131.12 and in State Board Resolution No. 68-16, *Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California*. The antidegradation policies require that beneficial uses and the water quality necessary to maintain those beneficial uses in the receiving waters of the discharge shall be maintained and protected, and, if existing water quality is better than the quality required to maintain beneficial uses, the existing water quality shall be maintained and protected unless allowing a lowering of water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic and social development or consistent with maximum benefit to the people of California. When a significant lowering of water quality is allowed by the Regional Water Board, an antidegradation analysis is required in accordance with the State Water Board's Administrative Procedures Update (July 2, 1990), Antidegradation Policy Implementation for NPDES Permitting.

### 1. Technology-based Effluent Limitations

The technology-based standards for POTW performance are promulgated at 40 CRF 133 expressed as 30-day averages and 7-day averages for BOD, CBOD and TSS. In previous permits for SEJPA, including Order No. 99-71, these standards were incorporated as "Monthly Average (30-day)" and "Weekly Average (7-day)" effluent limitations for CBOD and TSS which were enforced by the Regional Water Board as running averages. To comply with 40 CFR 122.45, which requires that effluent limitations be expressed as average weekly and average monthly limitations for POTWs, the CBOD and TSS standards have been revised in this current permit as Average Monthly Effluent Limitations (AMEL) and Average Weekly Effluent Limitations (AWEL) that are numerically equal to the previous effluent limitations. As explained in the Compliance Determination section of this Order, compliance with the AMEL and AWEL will be determined by considering the average of sampling results within a calendar month or calendar week, respectively, rather than as running averages. As also further explained in the Compliance Determination section of this Order, a violation of the AMEL or the AWEL would result in a violation for each day of the calendar month or calendar week, respectively. Consequently, the AMEL and AWEL are expected to provide the same level of incentive for POTWs to operate treatment facilities to be in compliance at all time as the previous "Monthly Average (30-day)" and "Weekly Average (7-day)" running average effluent limitations. The conversion of the CBOD and TSS effluent limitations to AMEL and AWEL are not expected to cause a change in the physical nature of the effluent discharged and are not expected to impact beneficial uses nor

cause a reduction of the water quality of the receiving water. For these reasons, the Regional Water Board has determined that an antidegradation analysis is not required to consider the possible impacts resulting from the CBOD and TSS AMELs and AWELs.

2. Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations

The water quality-based effluent limitations contained in this Order have been modified from previous permits for SEJPA, including Order No. 99-71, due to a recalculation of the ocean outfall initial dilution factor and removal of effluent limitations after a reasonable potential analysis. In accordance with the State Water Board's Administrative Procedures Update, the Regional Board assessed the potential impact of the modified effluent limitations on existing water quality and the need for an antidegradation analysis as follows:

a. Recalculation of Ocean Outfall Initial Dilution Factor

As discussed elsewhere in this Fact Sheet, it was necessary to recalculate the initial dilution factor,  $D_m$ , for this current permit renewal due to an expansion of the City of Escondido's treatment facilities which also discharge through the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO). The new recalculated  $D_m$  of 237, which is based on an SEOO total permitted flow rate of 23.25 MGD, is an increase over the previous permit's  $D_m$  of 220 which was based on an SEOO operational total flowrate of 24 MGD. (While the previous  $D_m$  was determined using 24 MGD, the total permitted flowrate was previously only 21.75 MGD). The new  $D_m$  results in a slight relaxation of effluent limitations in this Order compared to the those in Order No. 99-71 and also reflects an expansion of the zone of initial dilution (ZID), both of which may indicate a lowering of water quality.

The concentration effluent limitations in this Order, recalculated using the new  $D_m$ , are approximately 8% higher than the concentration effluent limitations in the previous permit. Because the total permitted flowrate through the SEOO was previously only 21.75 MGD, as provided in the previous NPDES permits for SEJPA and the City of Escondido, the relaxed effluent limitations in this permit combined with the new total permitted flowrate through the SEOO of 23.25 MGD, as provided in the new NPDES permits for SEJPA and the City of Escondido, results in a greater permitted mass emission rate (MER) for a given constituent. The greater MER for a given constituent is expected to result in a lowering of existing water quality for that constituent by an increment approximately equal to 8% of the six-month median water quality objective (WQO) and 12% of the daily maximum and instantaneous WQO. See example calculations considering Arsenic below:

- Arsenic Daily Maximum WQO (Ocean Plan 2001, Table B) = 32 ug/L
- Previous mass emission rate (MER) =  
(previous effluent limitation) x (previous permitted total flow rate) =  
(6400 ug/L) x (21.75 MGD) x 0.00834 = 1160 lbs/day
- Current MER =  
(current effluent limitation) x (current permitted total flow rate) =  
(6900 ug/L) x (23.25 MGD) x 0.00834 = 1338 lbs/day

- MER difference =  
 (Current MER) - (Previous MER) =  
 1338 lbs/day - 1160 lbs/day = 178 lbs/day
  - Increment Change in Arsenic water quality =  
 (MER difference) / [(effluent flowrate) +(diluting ocean water “flowrate”)] =  
 (178 lbs/day) / [(23.25 MGD + 5510.25 MGD)(0.00834)] = 3.9 ug/L
- where Ocean water “flowrate” =  
 (Effluent flowrate) x (initial dilution factor) =  
 23.25 MGD x 237 = 5510.25 MGD
- Increment water quality change as a percentage of the water quality objective =  
 3.9 ug/L / 32 ug/L x 100% = 12.2 %

The example calculations illustrate that if the actual existing water quality for arsenic in the receiving water is better than the daily maximum WQO of 32 ug/L, then the water quality will be lowered by 3.9 ug/L for arsenic, or 12.2 % of the WQO. This lowering of water quality is not expected to be significant and is not expected to cause adverse effects to the overall receiving water. Furthermore, the example calculations assume that the effluent will contain arsenic at the concentration of the effluent limitation, whereas historical effluent data for the discharge through the SEOO indicate that concentration of constituents listed under Table B of the Ocean Plan in the effluent discharged are considerably lower. For these reasons, the Regional Board has determined that an antidegradation analysis is not required to consider the possible impacts resulting from the recalculation of initial dilution factor and consequent relaxation of effluent limitations.

The recalculation of Dm also indicated that the zone of initial dilution (ZID) expands to 41 feet from the outfall diffuser. The ZID is recognized as the mixing zone in the receiving water where water quality objectives may be exceeded however adverse effects to the overall receiving water body must be prevented. The computer model results indicate that a lowering of water quality may occur in the area 5 feet to 25 feet from the outfall diffuser by an increment not greater than 100% of the WQO for a given constituent and by an increment not greater than 30% of the WQO in the area 25 feet to 41 feet from the outfall diffuser. As examples, where arsenic concentrations 20 feet from the diffuser were previously predicted to be 170 ug/L, concentrations are now expected to be 200 ug/L, and where arsenic concentrations 35 feet from the diffuser were predicted to be 30 ug/L, concentrations are now predicted to be 40 ug/L. In addition to being spatially limited, the incremental lowering of water quality in the ZID is expected to be temporally limited because, as explained previously, the concentrations of a given constituent in the effluent discharged through the SEOO have historically been considerably lower than the effluent limitations except for exceptional circumstances of short-term duration. For these reasons, the lowering of water quality within the ZID is not expected to be significant and is not expected to cause adverse effects to the overall receiving water;



therefore, the Regional Water Board has determined that an antidegradation analysis is not required to consider the possible impacts resulting from the recalculation of the initial dilution factor and expansion of the ZID.

b. Removal of effluent limitations after a reasonable potential analysis

Effluent limitations were not included in this Order for constituents for which reasonable potential to exceed the water quality objective was not indicated following a reasonable potential analysis although the previous permit included effluent limitations for those constituents. The procedures for conducting the reasonable potential analysis are explained elsewhere in this Fact Sheet. For constituents for which effluent limitations were not included, non-regulatory performance goals were included which will indicate the level of discharge at which possible water quality impacts may be significant. The removal of effluent limitations by itself is not expected to cause a change in the physical nature of the effluent discharged and is not expected to impact beneficial uses nor cause a reduction of the water quality of the receiving water. Coupled with the inclusion of performance goals and retention of the monitoring program for constituents without effluent limitations, the existing water quality is expected to be maintained. For these reasons, the Regional Water Board has determined that an antidegradation analysis is not required to consider the possible impacts resulting from the removal of effluent limitations following a reasonable potential analysis.

## V. RATIONALE FOR RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

Receiving water limitations of Order No. R9-2005-0100 are derived from the water quality objectives for ocean waters established by the Basin Plan (1994) and the Ocean Plan (2001).

## VI. RATIONALE FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 122.48 of 40 CFR requires all NPDES permits to specify recording and reporting of monitoring results. Sections 13267 and 13383 of the California Water Code authorize the Regional Water Boards to require technical and monitoring reports. The Monitoring and Reporting Program, Attachment E of this Order, establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to implement federal and state requirements. The following provides the rationale for the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in the Monitoring and Reporting Program for this Facility.

### A. Influent Monitoring

Influent monitoring in Order No. R9-2005-0100 is unchanged from Order No. 99-71. These monitoring requirements are summarized in the following table.

**Table 15. Influent Monitoring Requirements**

Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency
Flow	MGD	recorder / totalizer	continuous
CBOD <sub>5</sub> @ 20° C	mg/L	24 hr composite	weekly
TSS	mg/L	24 hr composite	weekly

Influent monitoring for CBOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS allows determination of removal efficiencies, which are limited by Order No. R9-2005-0100.

## **B. Effluent Monitoring**

In an effort to standardize monitoring and reporting requirements and in order to support electronic data submittal of Discharger Self-Monitoring Reports, reporting units, definitions, and deadlines specified in the MRP for Order No. R9-2005-0100 have been written in accordance with the State Water Resource Control Board's Water Quality Permit Standards Team Final Report.

Effluent monitoring requirements of the MRP (Attachment E) should be consulted for greater detail regarding specific monitoring requirements.

Order No. R9-2005-0100 does not require monitoring for acute toxicity, otherwise all effluent monitoring requirements from Order No. 99-71 are retained by the MRP (Attachment E).

## **C. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements**

The Discharger shall conduct chronic toxicity testing on 24-hour composite effluent samples collected at Effluent Monitoring Station M-001, as defined in Section II of the MRP (Attachment E), on a quarterly frequency.

Critical life stage toxicity tests shall be performed to measure chronic toxicity (TU<sub>c</sub>). Testing shall be performed using methods outlined in *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms* (Chapman, G.A., D.L. Denton, and J.M. Lazorchak, 1995) or *Procedures Manual for Conducting Toxicity Tests Developed by the Marine Bioassay Project* (SWRCB, 1996)

A screening period for chronic toxicity shall be conducted every other year for three months, using a minimum of three test species with approved test protocols, from the following list (from the Ocean Plan, 2001). Other tests may be used, if they have been approved for such testing by the State Water Board. The test species shall include a fish, an invertebrate, and an aquatic plant. After the screening period, the most sensitive test species shall be used for the quarterly testing. Repeat screening periods may be terminated after the first month if the most sensitive species is the same as found previously to be most sensitive. Dilution and control water should be obtained from an unaffected area of the receiving waters. The sensitivity of the test organisms to a reference toxicant shall be determined concurrently with each bioassay test and reported with test results.

## **D. Receiving Water Monitoring**

### **1. Surf Zone Water Quality Monitoring**

To assess bacteriological conditions in areas used for body contact activities and to assess aesthetic conditions for general recreational uses, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP)

No. R9-2005-0100 requires that total and fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria be monitored at a minimum frequency of once per week at the 7 surf zone locations.

For the sample period of 2003 through August of 2004, no samples collected at any of the seven surf zone water quality monitoring stations showed bacteria levels that exceeded water quality objective of the Ocean Plan. Surf zone monitoring station S-6, located at the mouth of the San Elijo Lagoon, consistently showed measurable levels of total and fecal coliform and enterococcus, whereas bacteria levels at other surf zone stations were typically non-detect or very low.

For this reason, surf zone monitoring station S-6 has been made historical. Surf zone monitoring station S-8, 8,000 feet north of the outfall, has been created for this Order.

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for surf zone water quality monitoring.

## 2. Near Shore Water Quality Monitoring

To assess bacteriological conditions in areas used for body contact activities and where shellfish and/or kelp may be harvested, and to assess aesthetic conditions for general boating and recreational uses, MRP No. R9-2005-0100 establishes monitoring at 7 near shore locations (3,000 feet seaward MLLW) for total and fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria in surface samples on a year-round, monthly basis.

For the sample period of 2003 through August of 2004, no samples collected at any of the seven near shore water quality monitoring stations have shown elevated bacteria levels exceeding water quality objective of the Ocean Plan. Most sample results were below the method detection limit for the period.

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for near shore water quality monitoring.

## 3. Offshore Water Quality Monitoring

To determine compliance with water quality objectives of the Ocean Plan and to determine if discharges cause significant impacts to water quality within the zone of initial dilution, and beyond the zone of initial dilution, the MRP (Attachment E) establishes a schedule of monitoring at 7 off shore locations (500 to 14,000 feet from the outfall). On a routine basis, the MRP (Attachment E) requires monitoring for total and fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria in surface and mid-depth samples on a year-round, monthly basis.

For the sample period of 2003 through August of 2004, no samples collected at any of the seven off shore water quality monitoring stations showed elevated bacteria levels exceeding water quality objective of the Ocean Plan. Most sample results were below the method detection limit for the period of review.

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for offshore water quality monitoring.

## E. Other Monitoring Requirements

### 1. Benthic Monitoring

To assess the status of the benthic community and to evaluate the physical and chemical quality of sediments in the receiving water, Order No. R9-2005-0100 requires the following intensive monitoring during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Results must be submitted by December 10, 2009.

- a. Sediment Characteristics. Analyses shall be performed on the upper two inches of sediment core samples in accordance with the following schedule:

**Table 16. Sediment Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Sulfides	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Total Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
COD	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Particle Size Distribution	mg/kg	core	Semi-annually
Arsenic	mg/kg	core	Annually
Cadmium	mg/kg	core	Annually
Total Chromium	mg/kg	core	Annually
Copper	mg/kg	core	Annually
Lead	mg/kg	core	Annually
Mercury	mg/kg	core	Annually
Nickel	mg/kg	core	Annually
Silver	mg/kg	core	Annually
Zinc	mg/kg	core	Annually
Cyanide	mg/kg	core	Annually
Phenolic Compounds	mg/kg	core	Annually
Radioactivity	pCi/kg	core	Annually

- b. Infauna. Samples shall be collected with a Paterson, Smith-McIntyre, or orange-peel type dredge, having an open sampling area of not less than 124 square inches and a sediment capacity of not less than 210 cubic inches. The sediment shall be sifted through a one-millimeter mesh screen and all organisms shall be identified to as low a taxon as possible. Monitoring shall occur during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Results must be submitted by December 10, 2009.

**Table 17. Infauna Monitoring Requirements**

Determination	Units	Minimum Frequency
Benthic Biota	Identification and enumeration	3 grabs semi-annually

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for benthic monitoring.

**2. Demersal Fish and Macroinvertebrate Monitoring**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for demersal fish and macroinvertebrate monitoring. Monitoring shall occur during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Results must be submitted by December 10, 2009.

**3. Solids Monitoring**

The Discharger shall report, annually, the volume of screenings, sludges, grit, and other solids generated and/or removed during wastewater treatment and the locations where these waste materials are placed for disposal.

**4. Kelp Bed Monitoring**

To assess the extent to which the discharge of wastes may affect the areal extent and health of coastal kelp beds, Order No. R9-2005-0100 requires the Discharger to participate with other ocean Dischargers in the San Diego Region in an annual regional kelp bed photographic survey.

Order No. R9-2005-0100 and its MRP (Attachment E) retain the requirements of Order No. 99-71 for kelp bed monitoring.

**5. Intensive Monitoring**

The Discharger shall perform the intensive monitoring as described by the MRP of the Order during the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009 and participate in the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Bight Study. Results of the intensive monitoring must be submitted by December 10, 2009.

**VII. RATIONALE FOR PROVISIONS**

**A. Standard Provisions**

Standard Provisions, which in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41 and 122.42, apply to all NPDES discharges and must be included in every NPDES permit, are provided in Attachment D to the Order.

## **B. Special Provisions**

### **1. Re-opener Provisions**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 may be re-opened and modified, revoked, and reissued or terminated in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Sections 122, 124, and 125.

### **2. Special Studies and Additional Monitoring Requirements**

#### **a. San Elijo Ocean Outfall Capacity**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 retains the provision contained in Order No. 99-71 with minor modifications.

#### **b. Treatment Plant Capacity**

The treatment plant capacity study required by Order No. R9-2005-0100 shall serve as an indicator for the Regional Water Board the regarding Facility's increasing hydraulic capacity and growth in the service area.

#### **c. Spill Prevention and Response Plans**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 updates the Sewer Overflow Prevention Plan (SOPP) and the Sewer Overflow Response Plan (SORP) contained in Order No. 99-71. Order No. R9-2005-0100 defines what types of spills are reportable to the Regional Water Board under this Order and what types (such as sanitary sewer overflows) are covered under other existing Orders. The SOPP and the SORP (now called SPP and SRP, respectively) established by Order No. 99-71 are retained by this Order with minor modifications.

#### **d. Spill Reporting Requirements**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 establishes a reporting protocol for how different types of spills covered by this Order shall be reported to regulatory agencies.

#### **e. Solids Monitoring**

Order No. R9-2005-0100 retains the requirements from Order No. 99-71.

#### **f. Pretreatment Program**

Because the Facility does not currently receive discharges from industry that is subject to USEPA's pretreatment standards, the Discharger is not currently required to develop and implement an industrial pretreatment program. Order No. R9-2005-0100 retains a requirement from Order No. 99-71 that requires a semiannual survey of industrial facilities, which discharge to the collection system, to determine if the Facility receives

pollutants from any user that is subject to pretreatment standards, or if other circumstances warrant development of a pretreatment program.

g. Single Operational Upset

- 1) The term “upset” has broad and narrow definitions in *Attachment A – Definitions* because the term is used both to refer to an “upset” in the general sense as any malfunction or operational failure at a treatment facility and also in a more specific sense to refer to an “upset” as defined at 40 CFR 122.41 (n). The determination that the term “upset” has broad and narrow definitions is discussed further below.
- 2) Regulatory Upset Defense.  
Provision 8 of *Attachment D – Standard Provisions* addresses the use of the regulatory upset defense to completely relieve dischargers of liability for violations under specific situations. According to the US EPA Memorandum “Issuance of Guidance Interpreting Single Operational Upset” (September 27, 1989), upset events that fit the definition of “upset” under 40 CFR 122.41 (n) “provide those who violate technology-based effluent limitations . . . with an affirmative defense to allegations of permit noncompliance, if the exceedance results from an exceptional, unintentional incident which is beyond the control of the party who discharges in violation of his permit. A party who successfully claims upset is not legally liable for the exceedances at issue, and has not violated the (Clean Water Act), his NPDES permit, or categorical pretreatment standards.” 40 CFR 122.41 (n) states that the regulatory upset defense does not apply to those events caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. Provision 8 of Attachment D specifies the conditions that the Discharger must satisfy to claim the regulatory upset defense.
- 3) Single Operational Upset Defense.  
Compliance Determination section VII.Q of Order No. R9-2005-0100 addresses how a Discharger may be able to limit his liability in the event of a single operational upset (SOU) resulting in multiple violations. The US EPA Memorandum “Issuance of Guidance Interpreting Single Operational Upset” (September 27, 1989) provides the necessary regulatory guidance in case of SOU except for purposes of California Water Code Section 13385 (h) and (i). The US EPA SOU guidance memo spells out that multiple violations due to an SOU are treated as one violation for each day only. For example, an SOU that results in multiple violations each day over a period of seven days will result in counting seven violations because the multiple violations on each of the seven days are treated as one violation for each day only. If the State or Regional Water Board is taking enforcement in accordance with CWC 13385 (h) and (i), commonly referred to as Mandatory Minimum Penalties, CWC Section 13385 (f)(2) expands a POTW discharger’s ability to limit liability in the case of an SOU by allowing all violations that occur within a 30-day period, instead of each day, due to an SOU to be counted as one violation.

The regulatory upset defense completely relieves a discharger of all liability for

violations of technology-based effluent limitations but not in cases where the violations are caused by operator error. In contrast, according to the US EPA SOU guidance memo, the SOU defense serves to only limit a discharger's liability for violations but applies to both technology-based and water quality-based effluent limitations even if caused by unknowing and unintentional operator error. For purposes of Mandatory Minimum Penalties in accordance with CWC Section 13385 (f)(2), the SOU defense does not apply when the upset was caused by operator error.

The effect of CWC Section 13385 (f)(2) on reducing a POTW discharger's liability is illustrated in the following example:

A POTW discharged 20,000 gallons of treated effluent each day over two days, and the effluent quality exceeded the concentration effluent limitations and the mass emission rate limitations of the POTW's NPDES permit for iron and copper on both days. The POTW reported to the Regional Water Board that despite its best efforts, increased filamentous bacteria growth in the aeration tank due to a single operational upset resulted in a slight reduction in settling in the secondary clarifier which in turn resulted in the increased iron and copper content of the effluent. The Regional Water Board determined that four serious violations occurred on each day for a total of eight serious violations over the two days due to a single operational upset. Taking the SOU defense into account according to US EPA guidance, the Regional Water Board would determine that the four violations on each day collapse to one violation on each day and the POTW can be civilly liable for up to \$10,000 per day of violation plus up to \$10 per gallon discharged over 1,000 gallons [in accordance with CWC Section 13385 (c)] for a total possible maximum civil liability of \$410,000 (i.e., \$20,000 for two days of violations and \$390,000 for the 39,000 gallons discharged over the initial 1,000 gallons). However, if the Regional Water Board determines mandatory minimum penalties in accordance with CWC Sections 13385 (h) and (i), the Regional Water Board must also consider the SOU defense in accordance with CWC Section 13385 (f)(2). In that case, the eight serious violations collapse to one violation with a Mandatory Minimum Penalty of \$3,000.

4) Twenty-four Hour Reporting for Upsets.

Provision E.5(b)(2) of *Attachment D – Standard Provisions* requires that “any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order” must be reported within 24 hours from the time the discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. This standard provision is authorized at 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B) and is interpreted to require reporting of any upset, in the broad sense, that results in an exceedance of any effluent limitation. The term “upset” in this provision cannot be limited to the meaning of the term “upset” within 40 CFR 122.41 (n), which only applies to exceedances of technology-based effluent limitations, and must be interpreted broadly because an “upset”, in the broad sense, can result in exceedance of water quality-based effluent limitations. Therefore, this provision also applies to the reporting of single operational upsets.



## **VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Water Board) is considering the issuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that will serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility. As a step in the WDR adoption process, the Regional Water Board staff has developed tentative WDRs. The Regional Water Board encourages public participation in the WDR adoption process.

### **A. Notification of Interested Parties**

The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations. Notification was provided through publication in the North County Times on May 6, 2005 and by letter mailed to interested parties on May 6, 2005.

### **B. Written Comments**

The staff determinations are tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning these tentative WDRs. Comments should be submitted either in person or by mail to the Executive Office at the Regional Water Board at the address above on the cover page of this Order.

To be fully responded to by staff and considered by the Regional Water Board, written comments should be received at the Regional Water Board offices by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2005.

### **C. Public Hearing**

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: June 8, 2005  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Regional Board Meeting Room  
9174 Sky Park Court  
San Diego, CA

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

#### **D. Waste Discharge Requirements Petitions**

Any aggrieved person may petition the State Water Board to review the decision of the Regional Water Board regarding the final WDRs. The petition must be submitted within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's action to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Office of Chief Counsel  
P.O. Box 100, 1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

#### **E. Information and Copying**

The Report of Waste Discharge (RWD), related documents, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and may be inspected at the address above at any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copying of documents may be arranged through the Regional Water Board by calling 858-467-2952.

#### **F. Register of Interested Persons**

Any person interested in being placed on the mailing list for information regarding the WDRs and NPDES permit should contact the Regional Water Board, reference this facility, and provide a name, address, and phone number.

#### **G. Additional Information**

Requests for additional information or questions regarding this Order should be directed to Bryan Ott at (858) 637-5589.

## ATTACHMENT G – DILUTION MODEL INFORMATION

The dilution model used to determine the dilution factor of the San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO) was Visual Plumes (UM3 Model). The USEPA Visual Plumes website is located at <http://www.epa.gov/ceampubl/swater/vplume/index.htm>.

The following information and assumptions were used for the input into the model:

**Port diameter** – 2 inches – Section 1-3 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility (RWD)

**Port elevation** – 0 feet – Section 3-3 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility indicates that the outfall lies on the ocean floor.

**Vertical angle** – -5 degrees – Table 3-2 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility.

**Horizontal angle** – 0 degrees – The model does not have input abilities for a diffuser with ports facing various directions. A single direction for all ports was assigned. This will result in a conservative dilution factor.

**Number of ports** – 200 ports – Section 1-3 of RWD

**Port spacing** – 6 feet – Section 1-3 of RWD indicates that there are 100 ports on each side of the diffuser. The section also indicates that the ports are spaced every 12 feet. To account for two ports every 12 feet, the port spacing was entered as 6 ft, instead of the actual 12 feet (which would double the length of the diffuser).

**Acute mix zone** – Not relevant, value does not effect dilution factor as defined by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

**Chronic mix zone** – Not relevant, value does not effect dilution factor as defined by the State Water Board.

**Port depth** – 148 feet – Table 3-2 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility, the Visual Plume manual suggests using the deepest port depth.

**Effluent flow** – 23.25 mgd – The total combined permitted flow from the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility (5.25 mgd) and the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (18.0 mgd). Note that the actual capacity of the SEOO is 25.5 mgd.

**Effluent salinity** – 1.2 psu – The most conservative value was selected from Table 2-3 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility.

**Effluent temp** – 22.5 °C The most conservative value was selected from Table 2-4 of the Report of Waste Discharge for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility.

**Effluent concentration** - Not relevant, input does not effect dilution factor.

**Ambient data** - Monthly ambient data submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the SEOO (monitoring station A0.5S - closest to the diffuser) for the time frame between June 2003 through May 2004 was entered. The most conservative month was used to determine the dilution factor (February 2004).

**Far-field diffusion coefficient** - 0.0003 m<sup>0.67</sup>/s<sup>2</sup> - recommended in the Visual Plumes manual as a conservative value.

**Special Settings Tab, Farfield Diffusivity Option** - 4/3 Power Diffusivity was chosen based on the fact that the discharge is occurring in open water.

**Special Settings Tab, Diffuser Port Contraction Coefficient** - 0.61 - based on the use of cylindrical ports in the diffuser.

**Special Settings Tab, Standard Light Adsorption Coefficient** - 0.16 - recommended in the manual as a conservative value.